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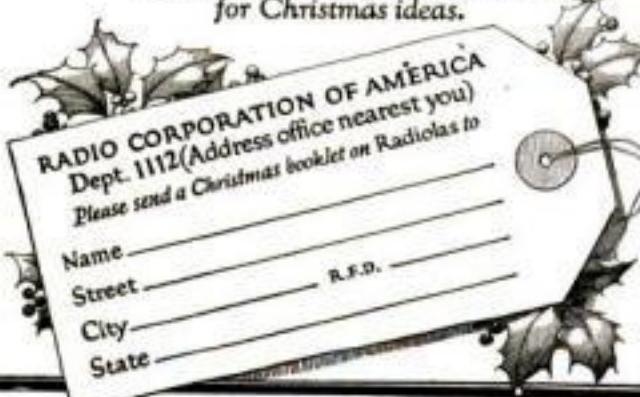
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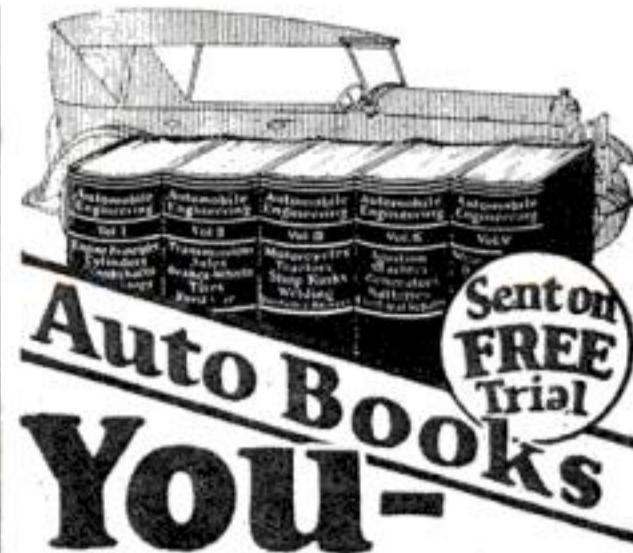
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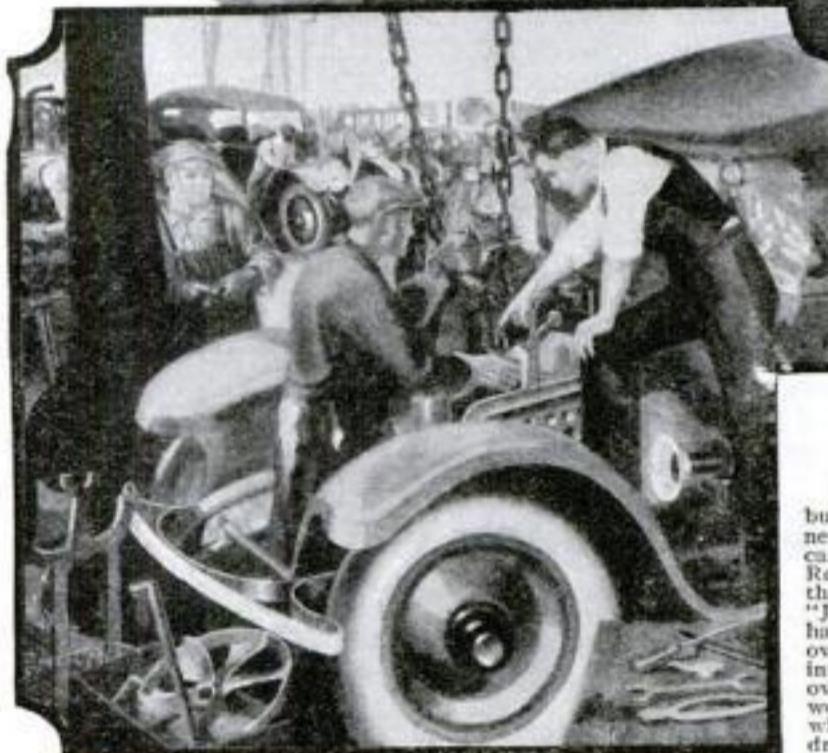
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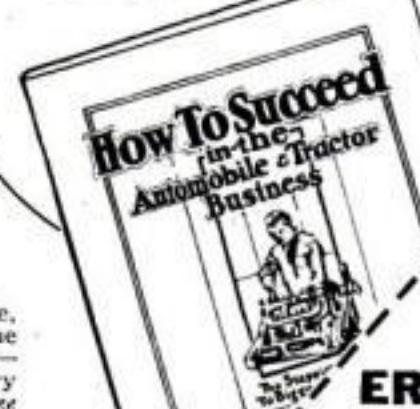
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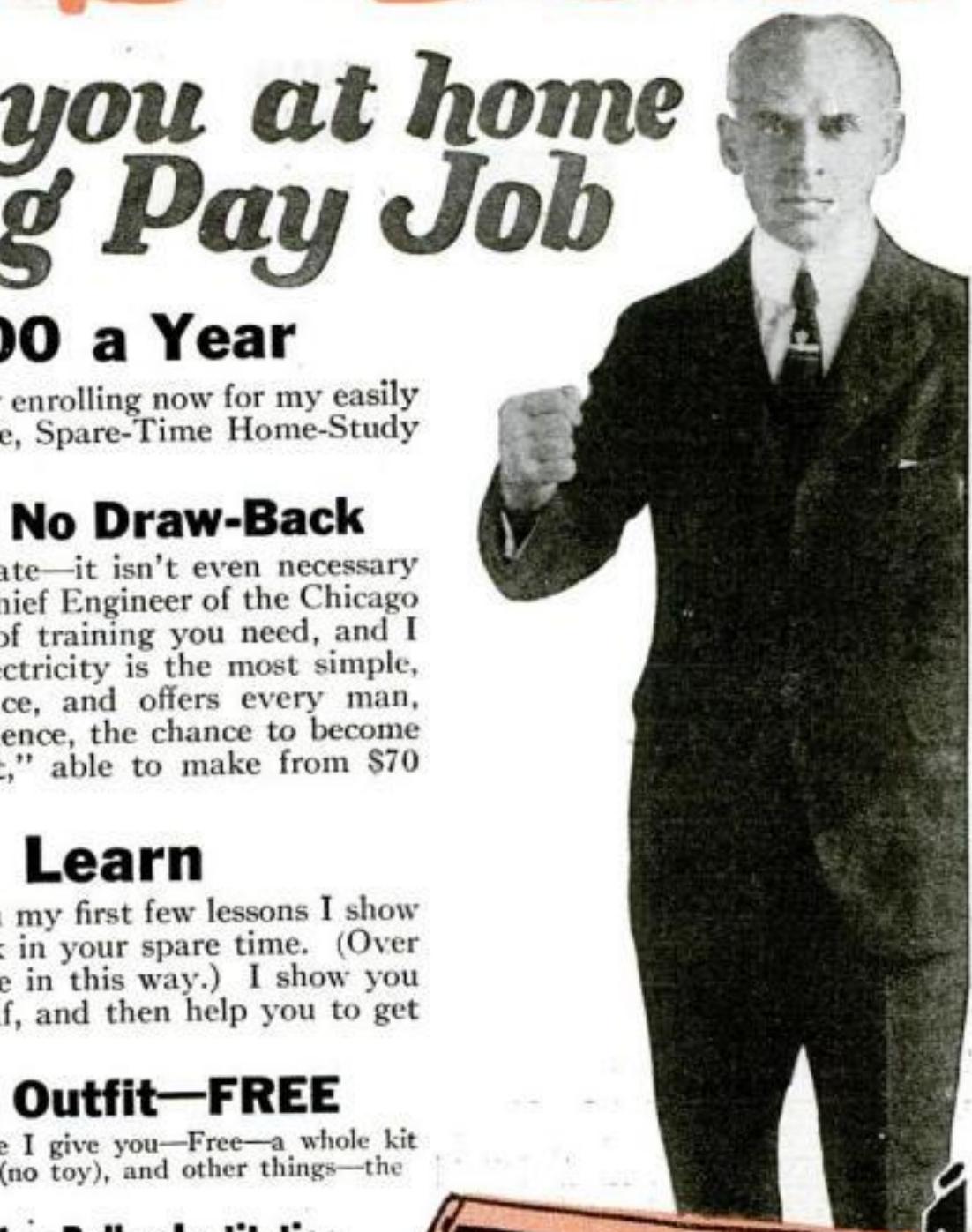
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The names of all the prize winners and the letters that win the first two prizes will be printed in this column in the February issue. Address your prize letter to

Contest Editor

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY
250 Fourth Ave., New York City

Last Month's Prize Winners

The first prize of \$10.00 goes to Mr. F. C. Phillips of Cincinnati, Ohio, for his letter regarding the advertisement of the Press Reporting Syndicate. Mr. Phillips' letter follows:

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The winners of the other seven prizes are:

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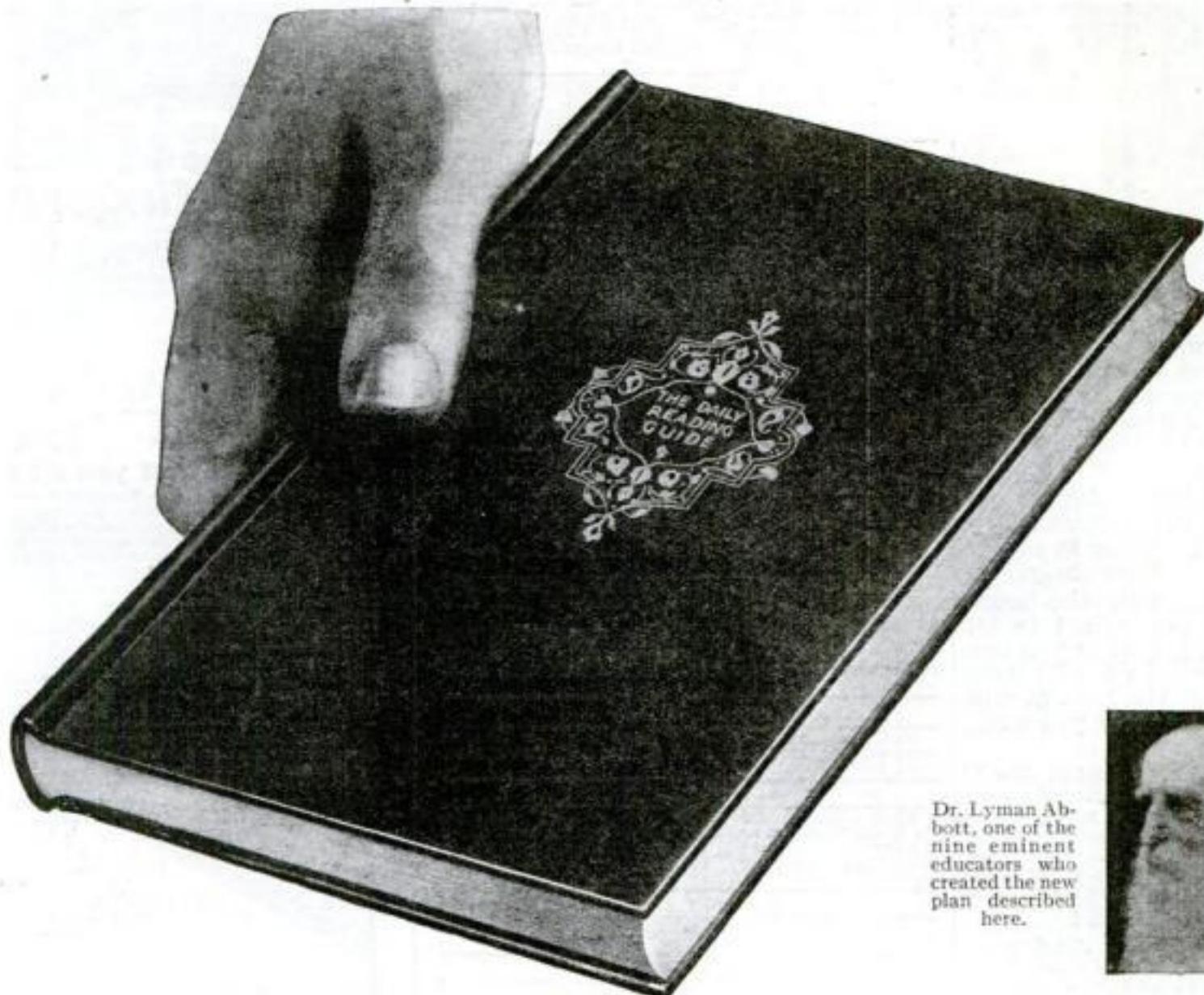
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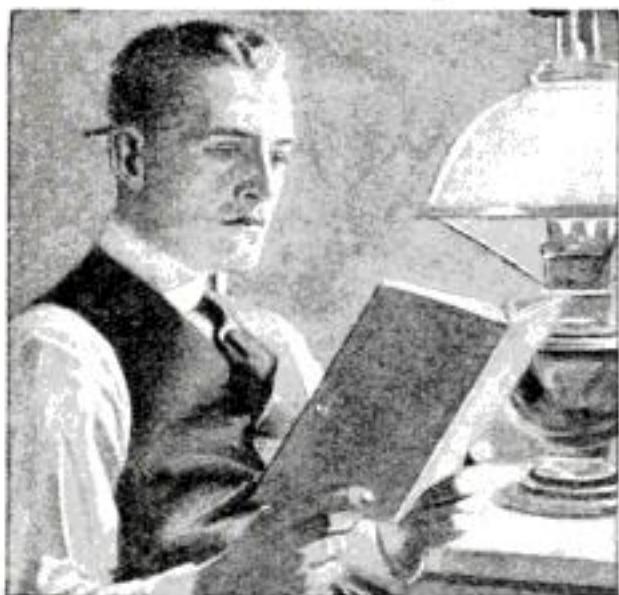
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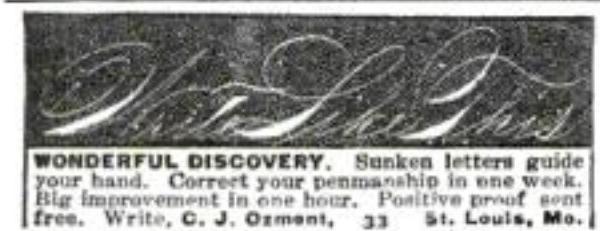
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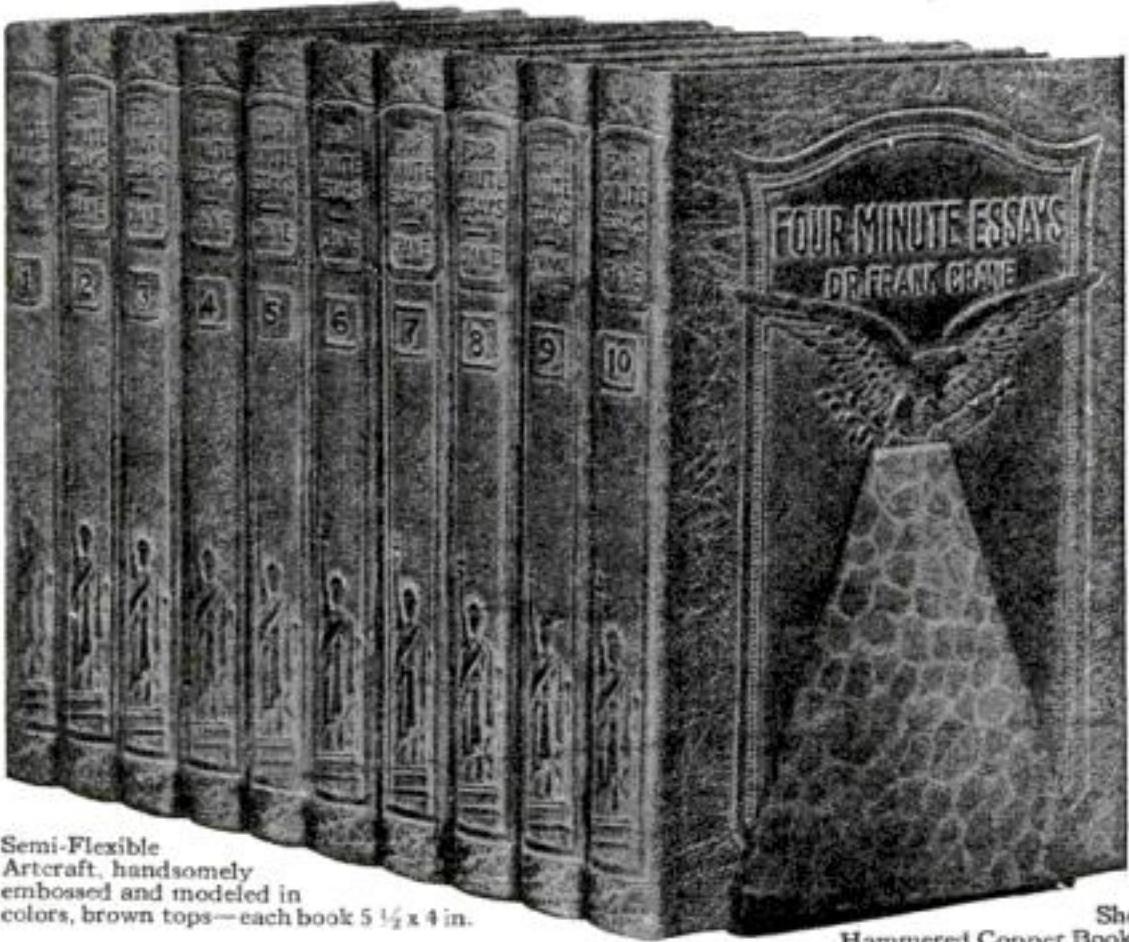
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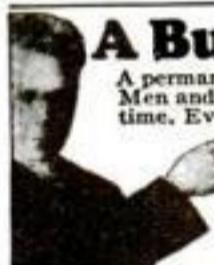
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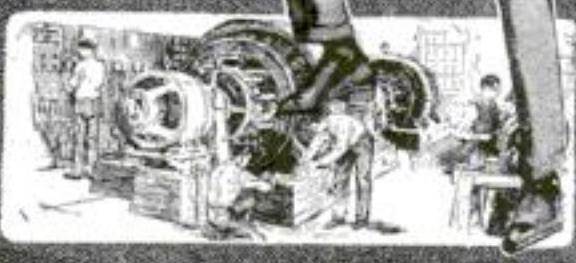
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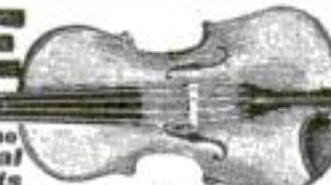
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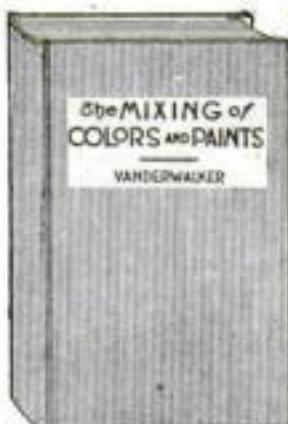
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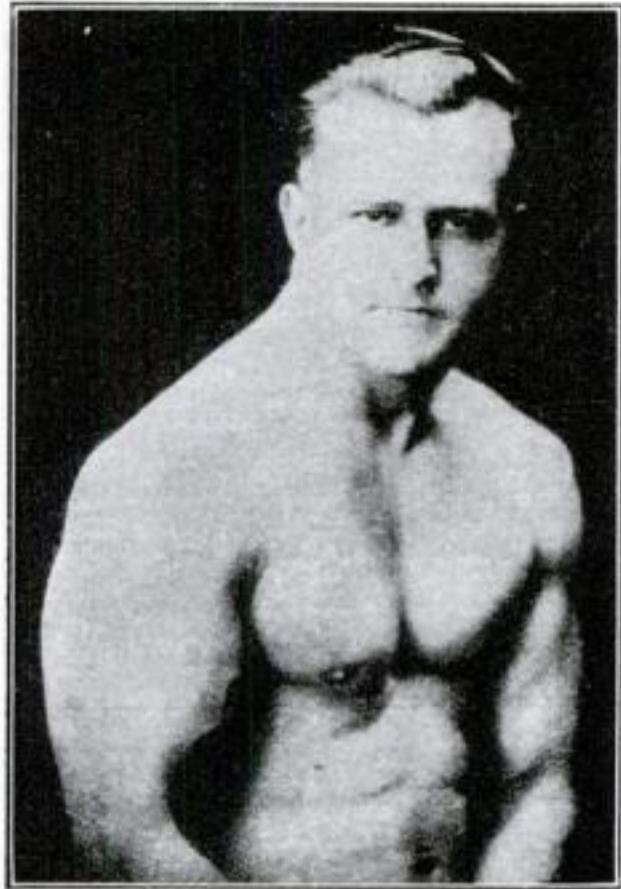
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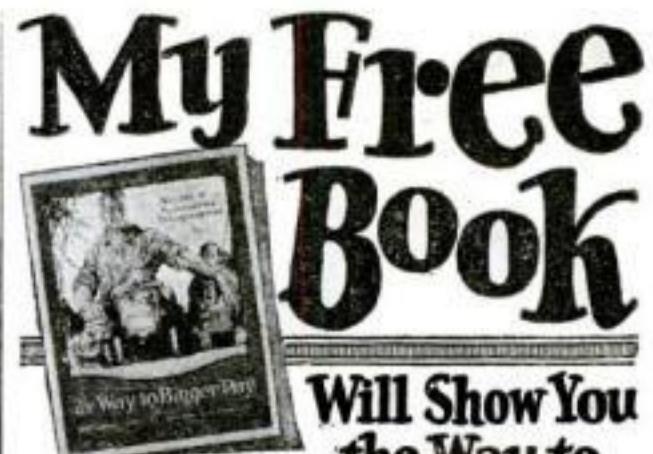
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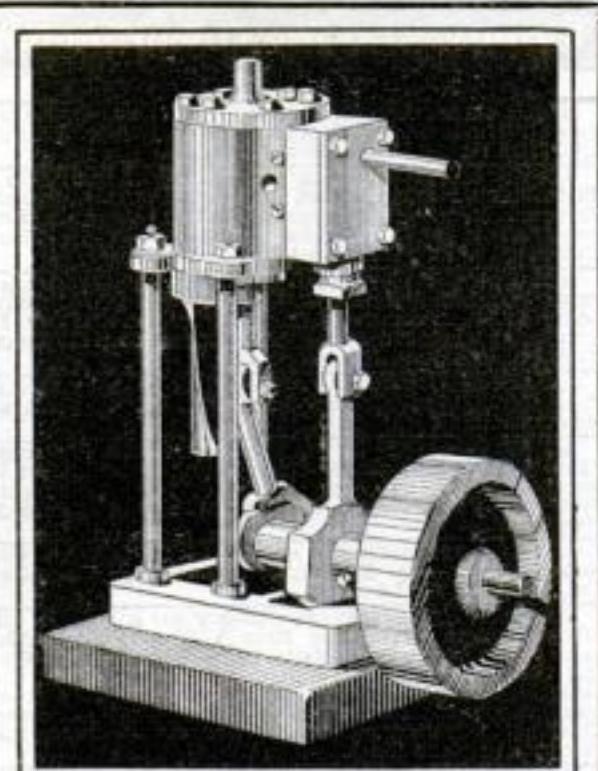
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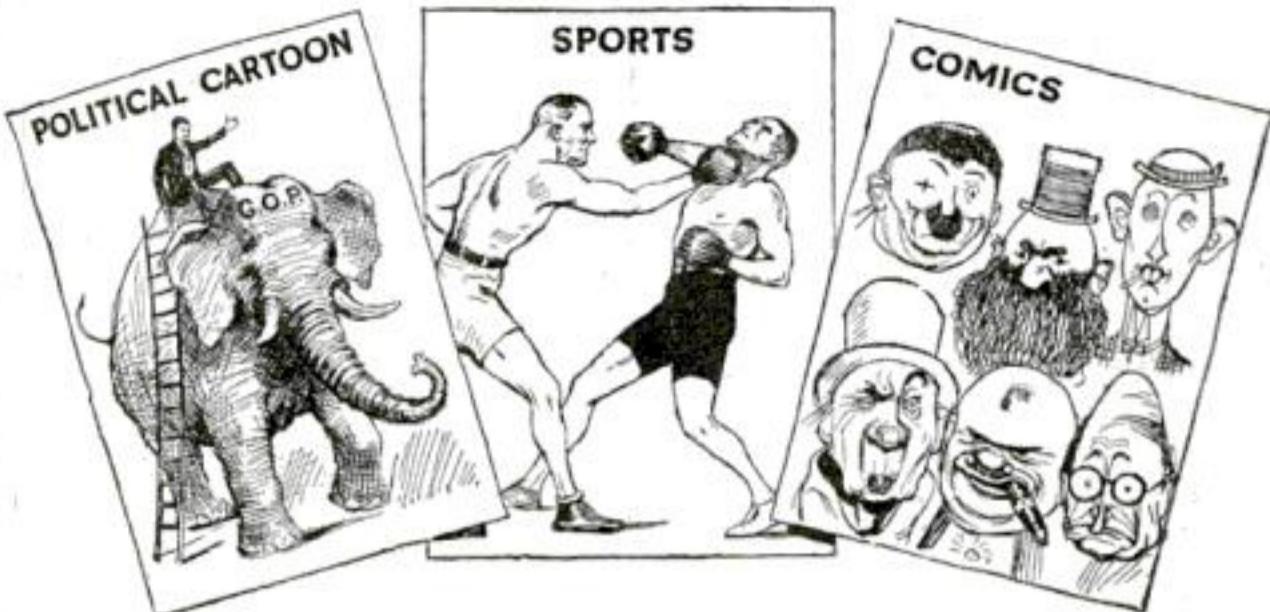
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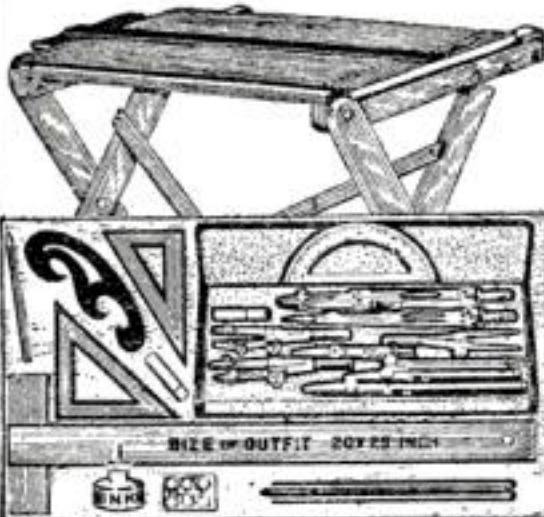
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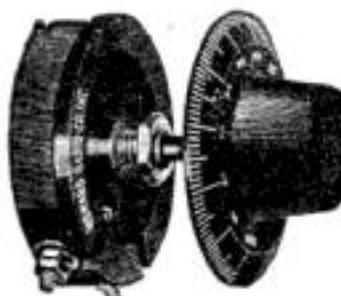
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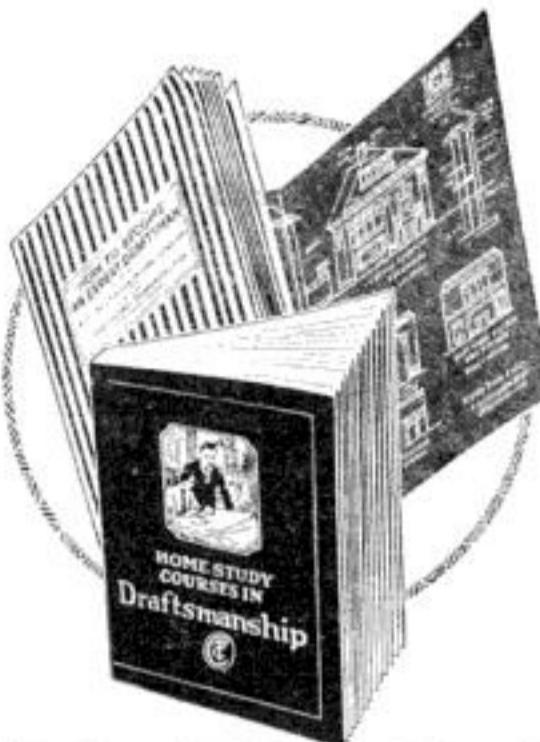
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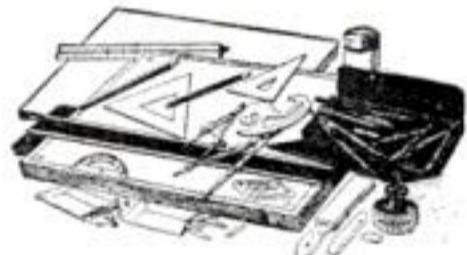


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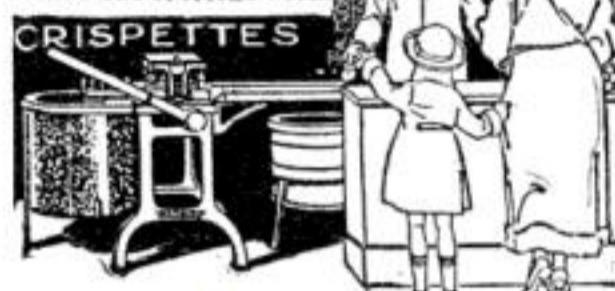
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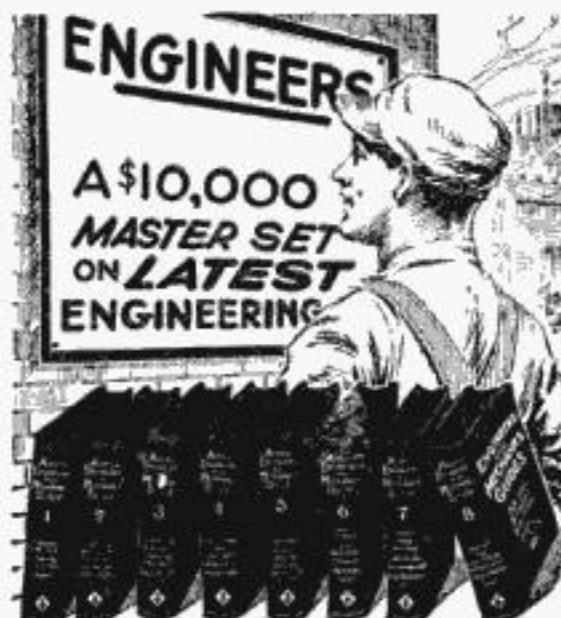
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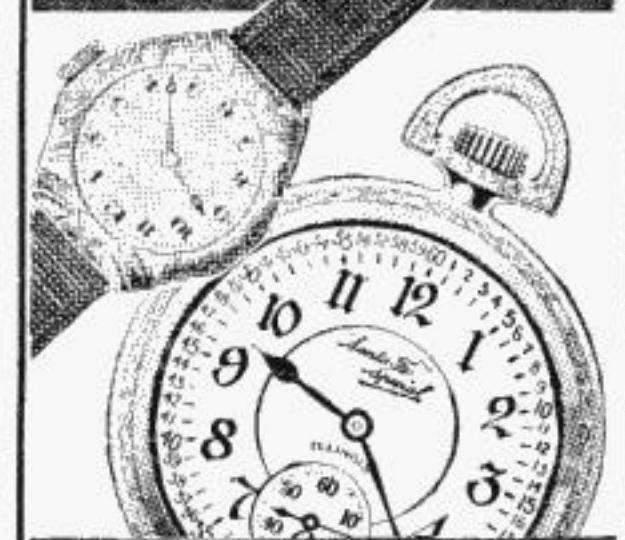
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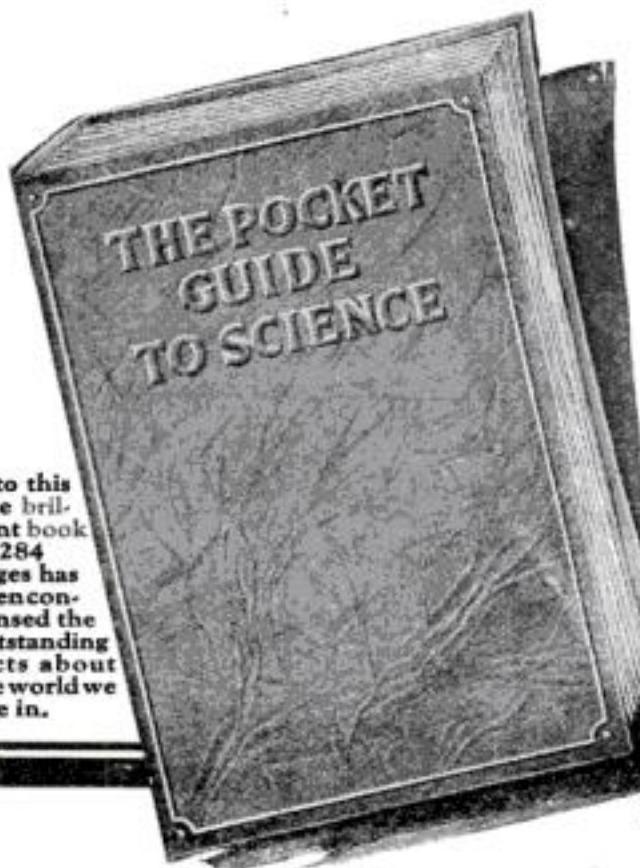
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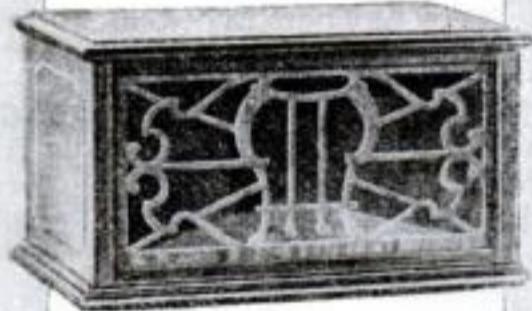
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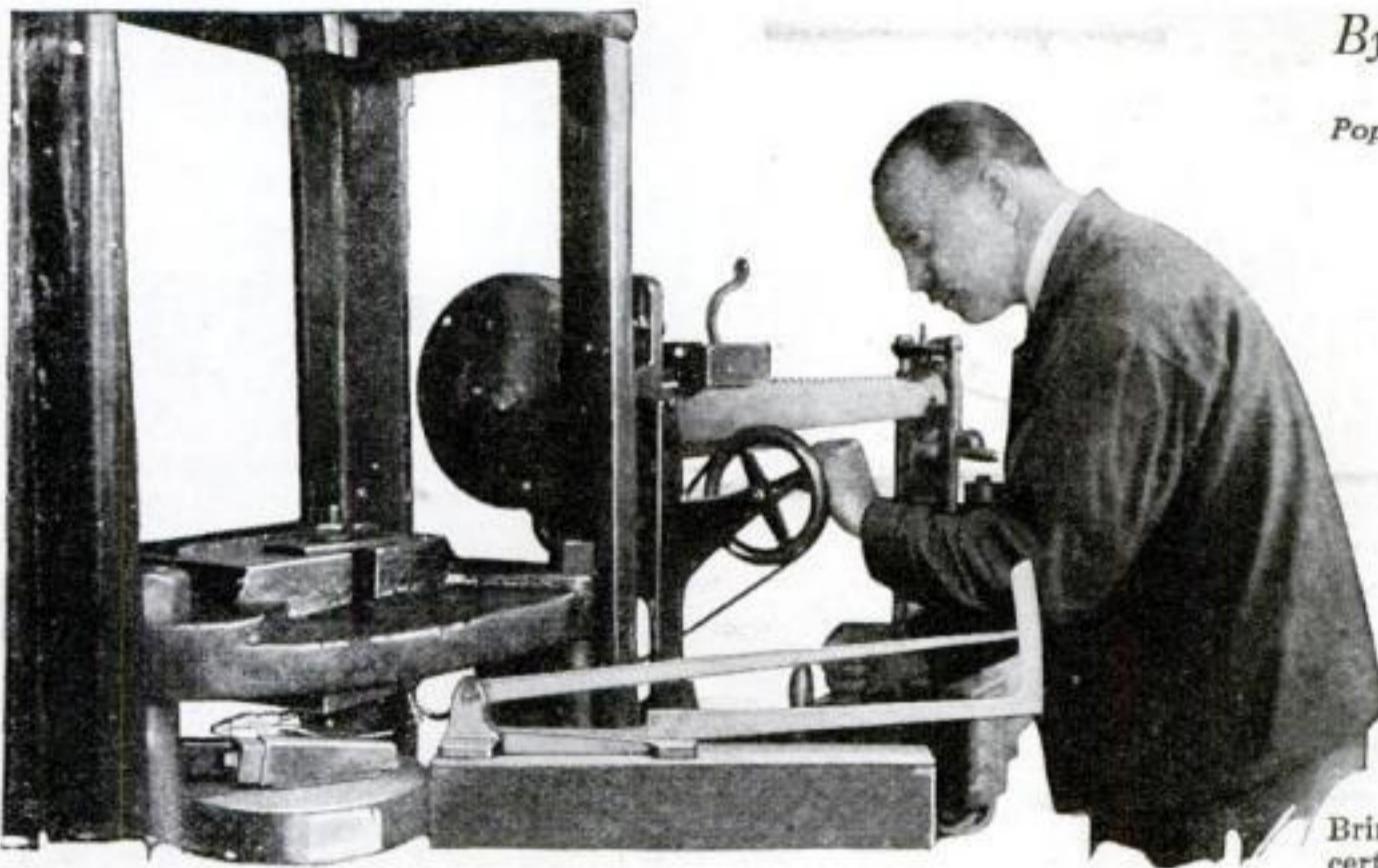
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By Collins P. Bliss, M.A.

*Director of the
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The handles of the pliers (visible in the lower left-hand corner of the illustration) are being squeezed together by a force far beyond that which could be exerted by an exceptionally strong man—even if he got the pliers on the ground under his knee and brought the whole weight of his body into play. The crushing head of the compression machine can exert a pressure of 200,000 pounds which is recorded on the compression indicator shown at the right of cut.

PLIERs are intended to be used as pliers. Many people ignore this fact and unreasonably expect them to substitute for hammers, crowbars, etc., as the occasion demands.

It is because such misuse is so common that plier manufacturers are compelled to allow a "margin of safety" in making such products, and the Institute of Standards has been obliged to devise laboratory tests that will bring out the characteristics of plier manufacturing best suited to meet abuse as well as to give true service.

The accompanying illustration shows the test used to determine the following three points:

1. *The strength of the joints.*
2. *The strength and stiffness of the handles.*
3. *The toughness of the knife portion.*

The latter test is, of course, employed only in the case of side-cutting pliers.

The crushing head of the compression machine shown (which is capable of exerting a pressure of 200,000 pounds, if necessary) travels down, squeezing the handles of the pliers together. This produces a turning movement on the hinge, forces the knife edges together, so that if the steel is too hard and brittle, they will crack; and it also produces a cross bending of the handles. This force is exerted until the handles have been squeezed together so that they are one-half inch closer at the extreme ends than when put in the testing machine.

This half inch is accurately measured with calipers and the pressure then relieved. The handles should return without any permanent set to their original position. If, to any appreciable extent, they do not, the pliers are re-

jected by the Institute of Standards.

Tests made at the Institute of Standards laboratories on some six-inch pliers have proved their ability to stand loads of nearly 500 pounds with only one-sixteenth-inch permanent set. This is far beyond any load that could be exerted by even an exceptionally strong man. Pliers so tested have kept their cutting edges true and the hinges have worked perfectly, which point is proved by opening and closing when holding one handle with the thumb and three fingers of one hand while operating the other handle with the little finger.

The toughness of the steel from which pliers are made is an important item to determine and this is ascertained in the

Brinell test. This is the same test a certain well known automobile manufacturer is now making on all parts of his car demanding great resisting qualities. The Brinell test is made by forcing a hardened steel ball into the tool under test. The depth of the indentation made by the ball is a measure of the hardness and toughness of the steel used.

Besides the compression machine tests, the cutting edges of pliers are subjected to a repeated usage test in cutting a number of wire nails of sizes corresponding to the grade of pliers tested, which is determined by claims made by the manufacturer as well as by the size or number.

In testing pliers advertised in POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, the Institute secures representative products from a given line of manufacture. Sometimes in the delicate process of hardening steel, brittleness is caused by over-hardening. For this reason it is impossible for a manufacturer to avoid an occasional pair of pliers proving defective—but practically all are willing to make replacements under such conditions—and if they do not, the Popular Science Institute of Standards will.

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The Real Marvel of the ZR-3

An amazing story of duralumin, wonder-metal of aviation, that has made our big airships possible—With two fingers you can lift a girder of it strong enough to hold six men

By Lieut.-Comm. Fitzhugh Green, U.S.N.

NEWSPAPERS have devoted considerable space in the last few weeks to the exploits of the ZR-3, the largest dirigible to attempt a transatlantic flight. Tales of the tests and the flights of the big airship have been told and retold, but the story of the real miracle of the ZR-3, the *Shenandoah*, and other dirigibles is new to most folks. That is the story of duralumin, the marvel metal of the twentieth century—the metal invented especially for airships.

It is a remarkable partnership, this between the airship and duralumin. If it were not for the airship, duralumin probably would not have been formulated; if it were not for duralumin, there would be no transatlantic or cross-continent flights by dirigibles. The airship requires strength and lightness for its ribs and hull. Wood, while light, isn't strong enough. It won't stand the stress. Steel is strong enough, but too heavy. Duralumin is stronger than wood and much lighter than steel, in fact, about one-third the weight of the latter. So light and so strong is it that you can pick up with two fingers a girder of it that will support six men.

Duralumin is an alloy of copper, manganese and magnesium, with about 94 per cent of aluminum. In "strength-weight" efficiency, that is, in strength and lightness, it is 17 per cent greater than a good alloy steel and nearly three times better than mild steel or half hard aluminum. It was first made by Alfred Wilm in Germany in the development of Zeppelin airships, but is now being made in England and the United States.

Engineers talk among themselves of a Duralumin Age. They speak of vast quantities of fuel saved by lighter engines, trains and motors; of buildings dizzily high; of mechanical wizardry in manu-

facture; of a world unshackled from ponderous iron and steel. At this moment a large American corporation is seeking permission from the government to use

the power at Muscle Shoals to manufacture this metal for railroad uses.

That the thoughts of these engineers are not mere figments of imagination is proved by the visible evidence of the marvelous qualities of the metal in the extraordinary performances of the ZR-3 and the *Shenandoah*, as well as the tests of the F4-C, the Navy's first all-metal airplane, constructed entirely of duralumin.

THE principle of assemblage of duralumin girders in our great airships is exactly that which goes into the construction of a battleship. Every element not only supports its own quota of local weight, but contributes directly or indirectly to every other element in the whole ship. Thus we have a unified structure that, as the *Shenandoah* amply proved, can withstand the buffets of a hurricane.

Statistics of one of the new duralumin-framed air mammoths are illuminating. Take the ZR-3. Figures for her gas capacity reached 2,500,000 cubic feet. A ship of a size holding the immense volume of 10,000,000 cubic feet is contemplated. The latter will no doubt be the standard commercial liner of the

very near future.

Five 400-horsepower motors give a speed of 75 miles an hour to the ZR-3. A load of nearly 100,000 pounds can be lifted. This means at least 20 passengers besides crew and personal baggage. Something like 12 tons of profit-paying express can be added.

LET us translate this into terms of the competitive side of air transport as compared with transcontinental railroad service. At a fare of \$200 a passenger, and considering 72 hours as the coast-to-coast schedule, a company operating five ships ought to clear expenses on this side



One of the duralumin fuel tanks of the dirigible ZR-3. It is so light that a boy carries it easily on one shoulder. A steel tank of the same size would weigh three times as much.

of the business alone. That leaves the express profits to pay unusually large dividends on invested capital. And with the extreme safety of helium gas, as well as the rapidly increasing ruggedness of both frame and fabric, the "overhead" will be small.

These conclusions are by no means off-hand speculation. They are flinty facts already arrived at by a group of longheaded American business men who recently have organized to start an airways corporation just the moment that our navy's experiments put the official stamp of experts on their plans.

THREE aren't any hidden gun mounts on our liners of the air. Indeed, it can be said that they carry no special paraphernalia for tactical operation with a water- or air-borne fleet. Even that spartan austerity of trimmings so dear to the heart of the soldier and sailor at work, is spoiled by the luxury that went into the design of the ZR-3. A colossal sister ship nearly three times as big, already being discussed, will be even more palatial in her fittings. Soft berths, not bunks; white kitchens, not galleys; plush chairs and lounges rather than stools and benches, are some of the items that confound the eye.

See how the score of duralumin mounts: Airship size no longer limited; mail and passenger service revivified throughout the world, particularly at sea, where no water-borne vessel can compete with her rival in the air; health and comfort of travelers improved. All traceable to duralumin.

THREE is another aspect of airship travel—as distinct from airplanes—that is rarely noted. That is the unsurpassed safety of the duralumin-built dirigible.

No doubt some readers will smile at the suggestion. The fearlessness of the men who prepared the ZR-3 for her Atlantic voyage was well advertised. And justly so, too. For acute interest lay in the perils she faced that were unavoidable in her particular case. The North Atlantic is never entirely free from storms in the autumn. Moreover, while her diameter was greater than either that of the *Shenandoah* or the ill-fated R-32, engineers are

not yet wholly sure what dimensions are safest. The R-32 was lost and the *Shenandoah* and R-34 suffered much from the wrenching blows of high winds and from the violent bending forces induced by sharp course changes.

Then there were the specific disasters that make us shudder to recall them. France's reparation Zeppelin, the *Dix-*

tolerate fire in its vicinity; it is a fire extinguisher.

In my opinion duralumin is the most important single factor in bringing about the triumph of commercial airships, but there are other points in my conviction that they have come to stay. One is the anchorage now afforded by the mooring masts, which can hold and protect the largest dirigible in any kind of weather and offer safe haven to the air-liners in winds that ordinarily would keep them out of hangars. In addition to the safety element, the cost of a mooring mast—\$30,000, as against \$500,000 for a hangar—is a big argument for the operation of air-liners from a commercial viewpoint.

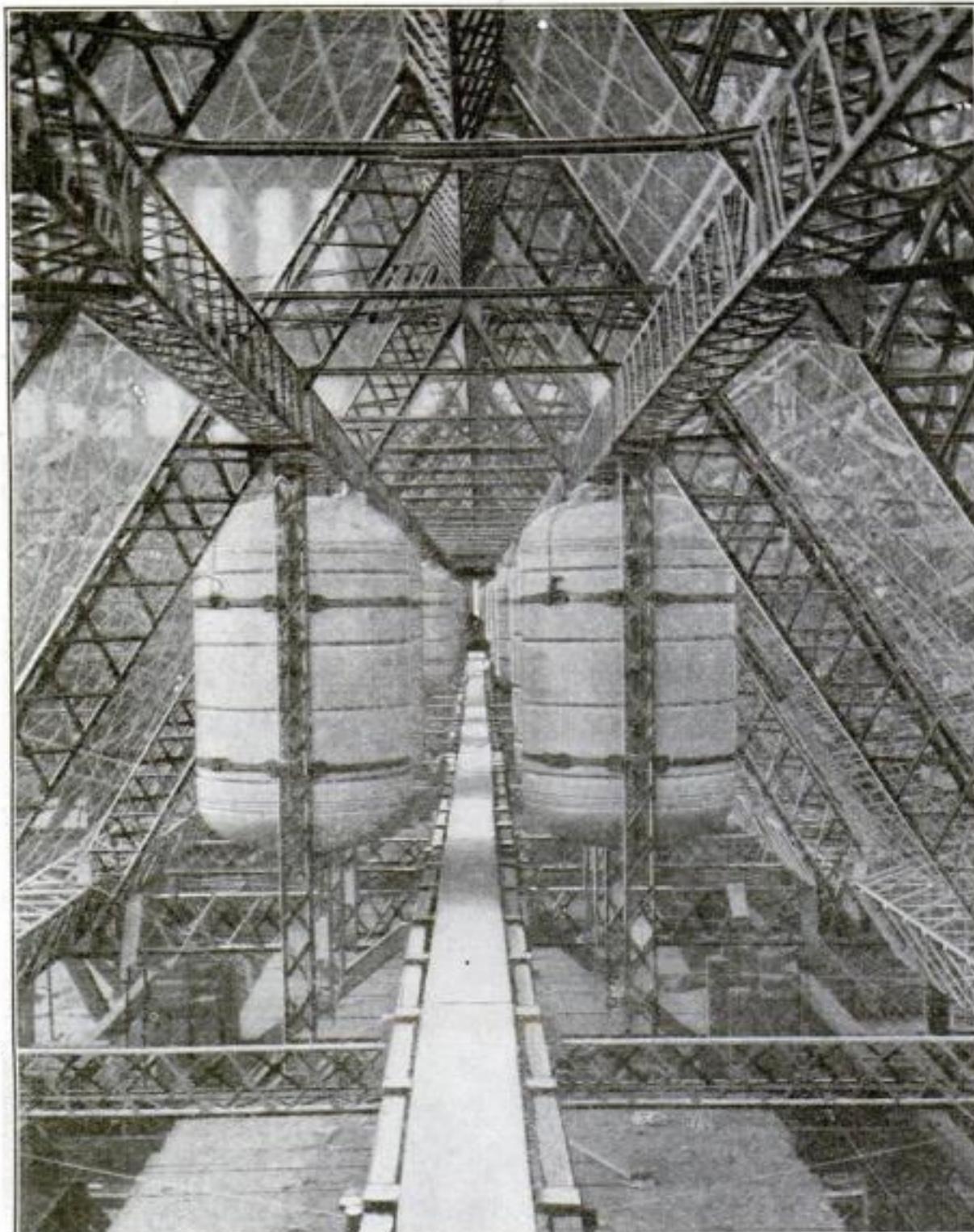
BUT mooring masts would have been of no use had not the dirigible been rugged enough to withstand the wind and rain. Nor would helium have stood for great progress over hydrogen had not its frail goldbeater's skin containers been housed in a structure almost incalculably staunch. Both the ruggedness and the staunchness were wanting before the day of duralumin.

Another unexcelled safety feature that distinguishes the air cruiser that has the light duralumin framework is that she is virtually *unsinkable*. She has 20—she may have 50—small balloons inside her metal hull. Each of these balloons is filled with gas and is independent of all the others. Each constitutes a lifting unit. Each can form an *aerial raft* in case of shipwreck. Each can be controlled by val-

ving so that survivors clinging to it can drift landward safely. Each is individually inspected, tested, filled, and lashed in place before the journey.

Secretly all of us would like to fly, but most of us fear the dreadful roaring of the airplane's motor; the dizzy swooping speed; the possible plunge to death in case of accident. That fear need come no more. Through the agency of the wonder-metal, duralumin, the aerial liner will be safer than our floating palaces of the sea.

In the early stages of commercial air-liners we shall compare them with the *Majestics* and *Leriatans* of the sea. They will be the fast, luxurious vehicles of the very rich. But not for long. Already it is estimated that a three-day service be-



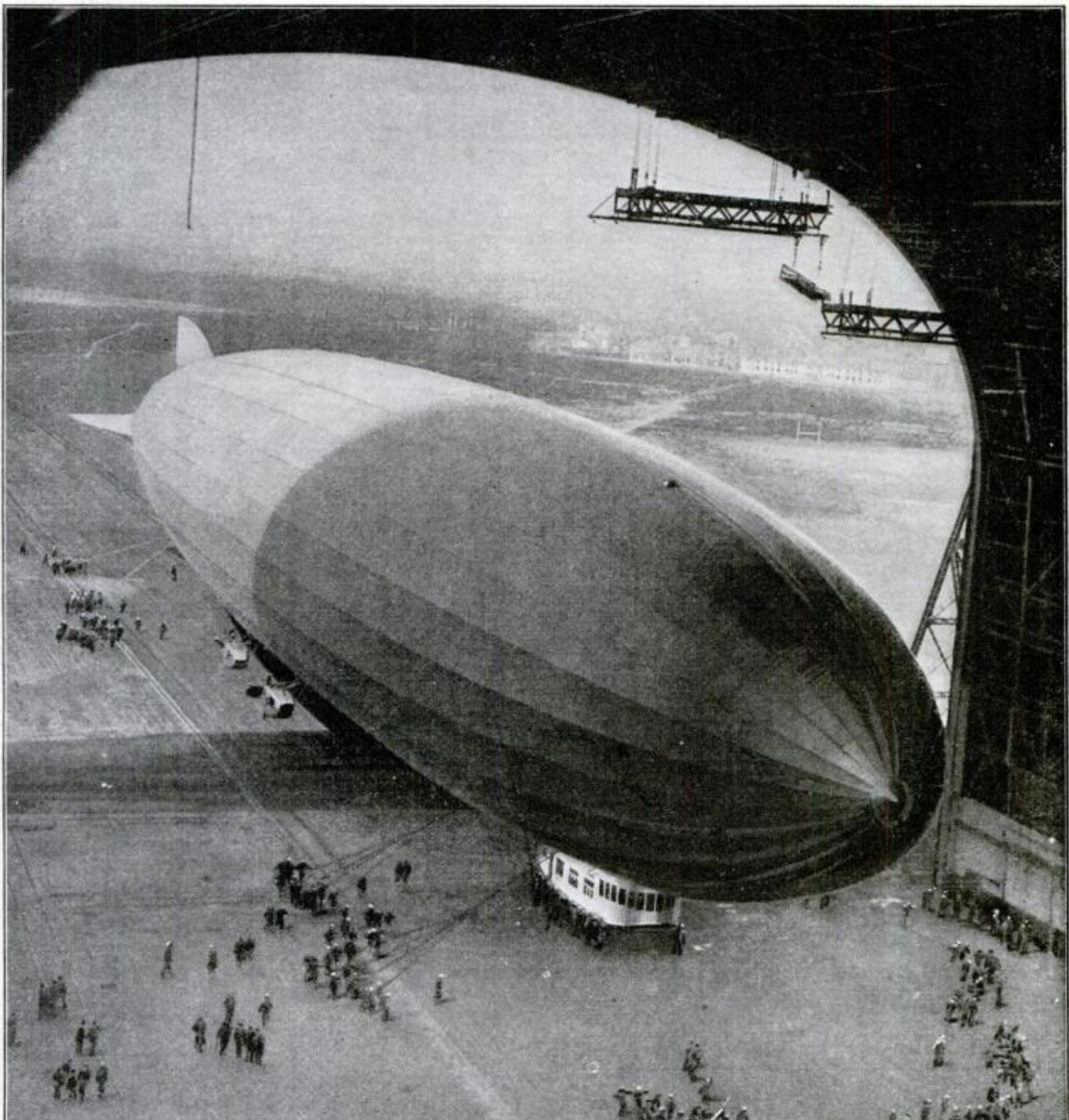
The Duralumin Skeleton of the ZR-3

The real miracle of the ZR-3—its vast skeleton of duralumin. Every single element of the framework supports not only its own local weight, but contributes directly or indirectly to every other element in the entire ship. The wonderful metal that goes into these girders

is so light and strong that you could pick up with two fingers a section of it that would support six men! The strength of duralumin, in proportion to its lightness, is 17 per cent greater than that of a good alloy steel. This photograph shows the fuel tanks in position

mude, originally built to bomb New York, was struck by lightning. The British R-32, built to be our ZR-2, broke in half and burnt up on her trials. The Italian *Roma*, built for our army, was ignited by high tension wires at Norfolk and cremated both herself and crew.

A LIST of horrors, to be sure; yet a study of them reveals that the tragedy in each no longer would be possible. Neither the *Roma*, *Dixmude*, nor R-32 could have burned had they been inflated with helium. For the most energetic efforts of our best chemists have so far failed to set fire to this strangely inert gas. Not only that, but helium is a non-combustible; that is to say, it does not



The end of the greatest voyage in the history of air travel. This remarkable photograph shows Uncle Sam's newest passenger airship, the ZR-3, being warped into her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., after completing her recent 5000-mile flight across the Atlantic from Friedrichshafen, Germany.

This great air-liner is 663.20 feet long and has gas capacity of 2,500,000 cubic feet. Driven by five 400-horsepower motors, she can attain a speed of 75 miles an hour. With her huge envelope supported by a skeleton of duralumin girders, she is built to withstand the buffets of a hurricane.

tween Europe and America of air-liners carrying 50 passengers and charging only what the steamships now charge, would be a financial success. A coast-to-coast service in the United States is said to promise financial return on mail and express alone.

Already, too, definite plans are being formulated for linking the nations of the world by commercial dirigibles—plans that include regular airship services between nations of Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. France intends to use the airship in developing her African colonies. Spain is contemplating weekly four-day flights between Seville and Buenos Aires. England is talking of an airship line to India and the Far East. For all such

projects, of course, dirigibles twice as large as the ZR-3 would be required.

There is sure to be almost an immediate demand for the "excursion air-liner." There is a passionate wanderlust in all of us that thirsts for a view of strange lands.

A horde of new interests will be aroused. Geography will take on a new significance. New mountain resorts, hitherto inaccessible, will be opened. A new and wider zest for such sciences as geology, meteorology, anthropology, physiography and glaciology will be born. Sports long neglected, perhaps not yet invented, will be entered into by millions. Mental and physical health of the whole human race will be decidedly improved.

Federal activity will be enlarged and improved. Special Red Cross dirigibles no doubt will be equipped for rescue work in floods and forest fires. Real estate business will take a new start. Larger and more beautiful suburbs will be planned and built. Aerial therapeutics for tuberculosis and other special disorders no doubt will be developed.

But let us not forget that the natural laws of aeronautics always have existed; that elements of such worth as helium surrounded Caesar. Not until the ingenuity of a chemist alive today added the final necessary touch was man master. That touch was *duralumin*, wonder metal of the age.

"Then the Lion"

How it feels to face a savage beast
of Alfred Klein, who has spent



strutted around in the latest style of sports clothes, and went out once in a while to shoot a lion from a 'boma.' This is a kind of shelter made of brush, just big enough to conceal yourself and your gun. Outside this, you put a kill—the body of a zebra or cow, and then you wait for a lion to accept your bait.

"These 'boma' hunters were the ones who made most fun of the hounds. They said, 'Rainey thinks he's going to hunt rabbits.' I was to take Rainey out for lions.

NOw, if any one thinks that hunting lions with dogs is easy, let him try it. Men at the hotel imagined that all we did was to follow the hounds until we were in sight of the lion, then pot him. So we took some of these men with us one day. They rode along with us over the thorn brush, falling into holes and getting scratched trying to keep up with the dogs, and then, at length, we came to the lion.

"There he was, crouched, with tail lashing. He let out one big roar. Our guests from the hotel gave one look, then turned their horses abruptly and departed. Shooting a lion from ambush is far different from shooting one

By G. B. Seybold

FOR eight hours we had followed a lion along a river bed, trying to get him in a place where we could take a good picture. It was in the heat of day—the stifling, killing heat of the African jungle. Our horses were tired, and the lion was tired. At last he went into a little clump of brush.

"I thought I saw him, and being impatient, picked up a big stone and threw it at him. I was right. I had seen the lion, but more important, the lion had seen me, and had seen me throw the stone. He didn't care about the rest of the party. He was after me. He sprang through the air, a roaring, hurtling mass. It was my chance to get a picture of a charging lion. I fixed my camera. I heard two shots and then the lion fell dead directly at my feet."

One such adventure would provide most of us with thrill enough to last a lifetime, yet it was only part of the day's

The first two years of his adventures in Africa he spent learning the language and the laws of the trail. After that Klein became a professional hunter and led expeditions of sportsmen from Europe and America. On most of these hunts he took moving pictures. The famous films that Paul Rainey, the late American multi-millionaire sportsman, brought back from Africa in 1912—the first moving pictures of wild animals ever taken on the East African coast—were part of his work.

Paul Rainey was indirectly the cause of many of the exciting adventures that Klein experienced, for he was the one who first introduced hounds into Africa for hunting lions.

"I shall never forget the time when Rainey appeared in Nairobi," said Klein, "with a pack of American hounds. You should have heard the ridicule of the crowd of sportsmen at the Norfolk Hotel there. Royalties who had come down to hunt had attracted a group of men who

facing you—one who knows you are his enemy and must be destroyed if he is to live."

Klein is a small, slender, wiry man, with taut muscles trained to give instant response. In the jungle brains are what count, not brawn. Many a time an extra 10 pounds is a great handicap. On a hunt one day Mr. Klein was thankful that he was not in the heavyweight class.

FOUR of us were hunting one morning at daybreak," he said. "Some lions had attacked a pack of hyenas and made away with them. When we found the stripped carcasses, the hounds gave tongue and followed. There were five couple of hounds in the pack to begin with, but they came to a place where the trails of the lions divided. The four lions had gone in three different directions. The pack separated, so there were dogs following each of the trails.

"When we got to the parting of the ways, we didn't know what to do. There

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14 years hunting wild animals

weren't enough dogs on any of the trails to really help in a showdown if the lion attacked. Finally, we decided to split into two pairs and follow two of the trails. Eric Shelley was my companion.

ON OUR trail the hounds ran the lion up a mountain. He went clear to the top, then down the other side, which was a regular precipice. We started sliding down on foot over the rocks. The rocks slipped and it was all we could do to keep on our feet and hang on to our guns.

"Partway downhill there was a ledge

A group of African natives, armed with strange weapons with which they hunt lions. This method is dangerous, and many natives lose their lives every year in close conflicts with the savage beasts

Mr. Klein's photograph below, showing a lion sunning himself in his lair, has been pronounced the most remarkable picture of a wild lion ever taken



about 10 feet square, covered with dense brush and in this the lion was hiding. We found there were only two hounds. They were practically useless, for two dogs wouldn't worry a lion more than a flea. They were exhausted and silent, so they didn't help us any in locating the lion, who was quiet, too. We knew that he was within a few feet of us. He could see us, and we couldn't see him. If he decided to leap, we had little chance.

"Well, he decided, and decided quickly. I was still sliding when out he charged, and he meant business. Shelley was a little back of me and he scrambled up the rocks. How he did it, I don't know

yet. He was better than any monkey you ever saw.

"And I—I went up a tree. There are times for bravery, when you stand firmly on your feet and defy the world; but this was not one of them. That lion was too close for me even to lift my gun and aim.

"I made a world's record climbing that tree. I had just got

a start when I suddenly found I couldn't move. Something was holding me back firmly. The lion had got me, I thought. Then I saw it was my hunting knife, attached to my belt, which had caught in a limb. I gave a great wrench, the knife was pulled out of the sheath, and I went on climbing.

"I had my gun with me. Have you ever tried climbing a tree with a double-barreled gun? Finally, I got as high as I could and looked down at the lion tearing around below. I saw Shelley on his perch on the rock. The dogs were

excited by this time and the lion left us. We let him depart in peace."

Klein's eyes twinkled. "His hide is one that I did *not* bring back with me to America."

One of the best pictures Klein took was of a lion being killed with spears by natives. This, he explained, was the result of days and weeks of work.

"**T**HAT is one of the most difficult things to get," he said, "for you never know just where the lion will be. In these hunts each savage has four weapons—in his left hand a big shield, in his right a spear, and on his belt a thick club and a sword.

"The natives run the lion down on foot, then all jump at him at once, spearing him any place they can. I have tried again and again to get good pictures of this, but the lion rarely fights just where you think he will. He turns and charges just outside the range of the camera. Or, sometimes, he comes too close. Then you are thankful for the size of the camera in front of you."

Many have slandered the lion by asserting that he is not "King of Beasts," but

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Another of Mr. Klein's extraordinary photographs, showing a wild lion attacking a zebra. It is said to be the only close-up picture of its kind ever obtained

Speedy New Motor-Hoop Amazes Italians

Policeman's Strange Invention Runs from Milan to Rome

By Giuseppe Gagliardi

SPECTATORS at the speedway before the National Stadium in Rome, Italy, gasped with amazement not long ago when they saw a huge wheel, driven by motorcycle engine, careening at high speed around the track like an overgrown toy hoop. Within the wheel, apparently unconcerned at the possibility of being precipitated in the mad whirl, they saw a driver, his hands gripping an ordinary automobile steering wheel, his feet resting on ordinary motorcycle pedals.

His body kept the wheel in perfect balance. At every turn he would lean to one side or the other. And when the spinning wheel finally slowed down and came to a stop, he simply rested both of his feet on the ground, then let down a standard to keep the wheel from toppling over!

The driver of this remarkable vehicle was Davide Gislagni, a motorcycle officer of Milan, Italy. Possessed with the idea that one wheel would be more efficient than two, he had perfected what more than one inventor before him had attempted unsuccessfully—a one-wheel cycle that actually would run!

IN RECENT years there has been a marked tendency to reduce the size and weight of motor vehicles and their parts. The light, speedy cycle-car is one example of this development. But this Italian inventor seems to have arrived at the irreducible minimum. He could hardly hope to travel on less than one wheel, and he has left just enough room in his odd car for the rider to sit and drive, leaving luxury or comfort, of course, out of consideration.

Only one tire to puncture, only one wheel to push out of the mud, a lessening of resistance—the owner of an automobile or motorcycle can think of many advantages possessed by a vehicle that can run on one wheel instead of two, three, or four.

The unicycle, which is called a "velo-

cita" by its designer, and also a "motor-mota," has two principal running parts—a large pneumatic tire and an inner hoop of steel. The inner circle carries the driving mechanism and the driver, while the

it, and the driver himself, are grouped in a small sector of the circle. On the outer circumference of the steel hoop are rollers, and these support the run of the tire. Thus the two concentric pieces, hoop and tire, are independent of each other as the wheel moves forward.

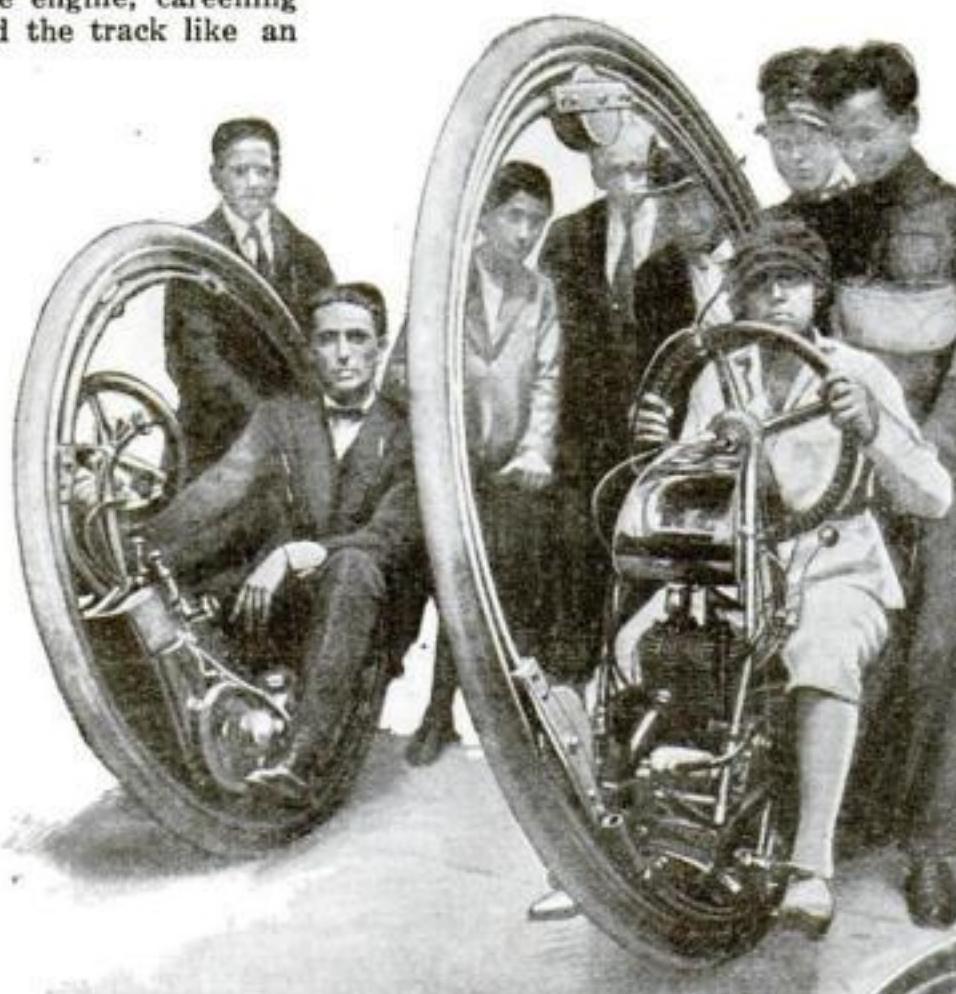
WHEN the machine is moving, the inner hoop is kept stable to a great extent by the weight of the engine and driver. But opposing this, there is a friction roller, driven by the vehicle's motor, which acts against the rim of the tire and revolves it. This force is more powerful than any retarding resistance.

So it is that the driver does not turn with the wheel, but maintains his upright position. He balances the machine much as he would a motorcycle, and he regulates the direction to be taken by the vehicle by inclining his body to the right or left and by a steering-wheel similar to those on automobiles. To keep the wheel from falling when it is not in motion, there is a special stand that fits inside the circle and can be released.

The motor actually travels on an endless circular track furnished by the revolving of the wheel.

When the inventor completed his machine in a small workshop in Milan, the device was not considered seriously by mechanics and engineers. They thought it simply a toy or novelty, incapable of being used as a practical method of conveyance. So Gislagni made a wager that he could travel in it at high speed from Milan to Rome and race in it before the stadium.

He won his wager and then gave several other satisfactory demonstrations that convinced spectators that what they saw was not a freak toy, but a vehicle that actually could be operated successfully. The inventor now is experimenting to increase the speed of the unicycle, whose possibilities for speed as well as everyday utility he believes are almost limitless.



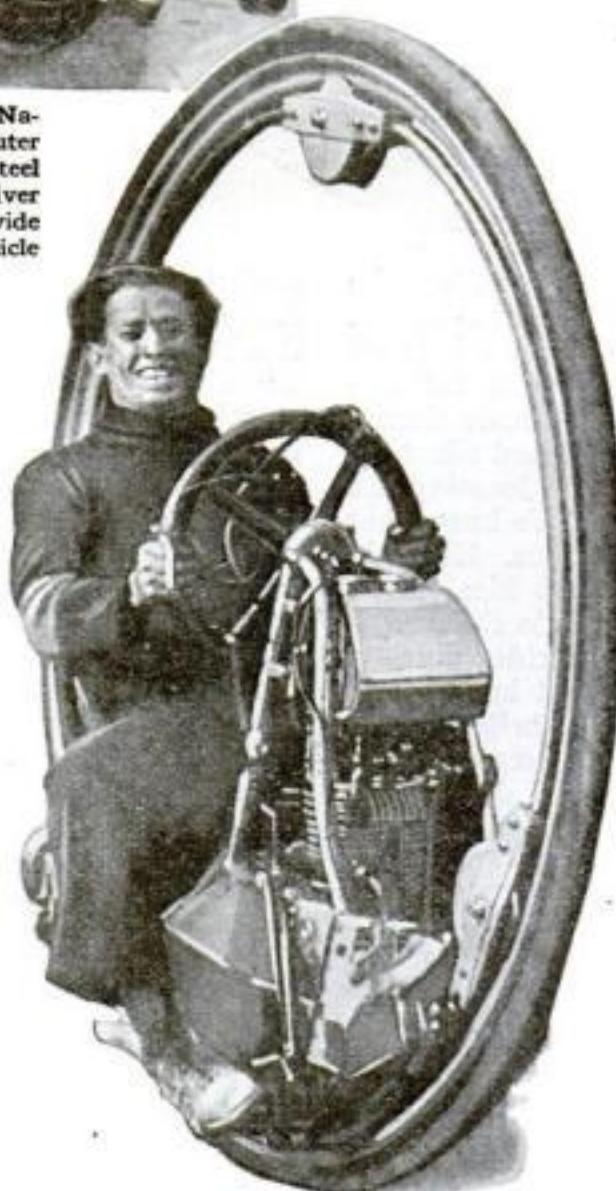
Two of the odd new motor-hoops before the National Stadium at Rome, Italy. Notice how the outer rim with its tire moves on rollers about the inner steel hoop, which is held stationary by the weight of driver and engine. At the right is the inventor, Davide Gislagni, enjoying a ride in his strange vehicle

tire moves around it. The diameter of the wheel varies according to the height of the driver, but usually it is about five feet. A short man has a smaller wheel than a tall man.

Since economy in size is a primary consideration, the wheel is always made just large enough to prevent the driver's head bumping against the circle.

The air-cooled motor that drives the wheel forward, and its accessories, are fixed rigidly to the inner steel hoop.

The motor, the driver's seat back of



Mud Torrent Ruins Farms

Mt. Shasta Glacier Melts, and Sweeps toward California Towns



Above is a remarkable view of the stream of mud flowing through a canyon from the slopes of Mt. Shasta, an extinct volcano 14,380 feet high, seen in the background. The mud, thick as newly mixed cement, was composed of glacial dust and snow melted by the summer sun.

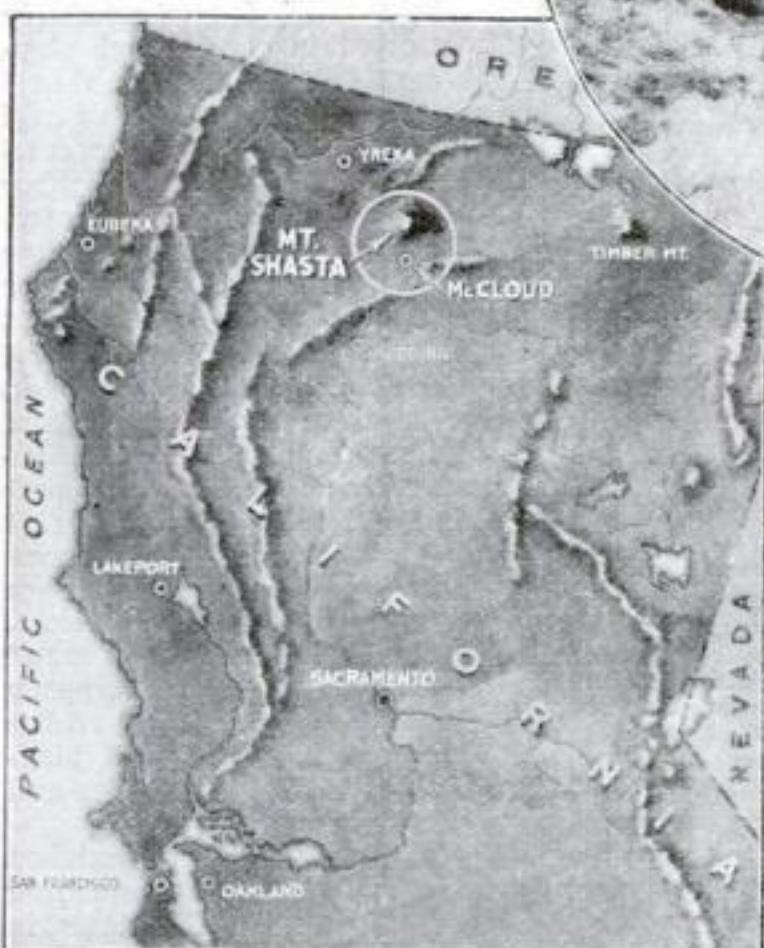
A Niagara torrent of mud, on which boulders were tossed like twigs on a mountain stream, recently swept down Mt. Shasta, Calif., into the surrounding valley, ripping walls of canyons, leveling mighty trees, ruining acres of farm and timber lands, threatening the safety of lowland towns.

It was an occurrence unique in America. For the torrent was formed by the melting of Mt. Shasta glaciers. An extremely hot summer, an unprecedented drought, and little snow on the mountain's crown, shown below, contributed to the slide.



At night the surface of the mud river took on a thin crust. At left, workmen are seen digging out an auto whose driver was deceived by the crust's appearance.

The channel of the river of mud is shown below. The stream was about three-fourths of a mile wide, several miles long, and from six to eight feet deep. Ancient trees which had withstood storms for 150 years were buried to a depth of 12 feet.



McCloud and other towns within the circle on the above map felt the effect of the mud flood in crippled railway lines, ruined water supplies, and bewildered terror among their inhabitants.



Toys that Have Helped Men to Great Success

Interesting stories of the boyhood of famous leaders and inventors—
How playthings affected the careers of the Wright Brothers,
John W. Davis, and Admiral Moffett—A noted manufacturer tells how to buy the right toys for your child

By Ferdinand Strauss

NOT long ago I read a story about Orville and Wilbur Wright; a sort of biography that included some interesting details about their childhood. Among other things, it told how the two little brothers in Ohio used to play with balloons after school hours.

Of course, every person has played with balloons at some time in his life. The light, gaily colored spheres are pretty, and there is a fascination in letting a gas-filled one go up and pulling it down again—a feeling of power because you can control it by so slight a motion of the finger.

But the Wright boys played with balloons more than their playmates. They experimented with different sizes and floated them at various heights, to watch how the wind blew them. In playing with them, they never dreamed that they were to be the men to introduce, through heavier-than-air planes, an entirely new method of transportation that would thrill the world.

I was impressed by this narrative, especially, I think, because as a manufacturer of toys, I have long been interested in the effect of playthings on a man's career. Again and again I find, in reading of the childhood of famous men, or in speaking with them, that they spent their play hours with toys that had some definite connection with their later occupations.

IF LINDENTHAL or Modjeski, the great bridge-builders of today, were to tell you of their childhood, I'll wager you would learn that as boys they spent at least 90 per cent of their time making toy bridges.

Look back at the boyhood of John W. Davis, who at this writing is a candidate for the Presidency. At the age of 10 years he was navigating toy boats on a brook and organizing the "East India Boating Company," perhaps in remembrance of the dashing hero of Elizabethan days of the same name, who had so many thrilling experiences on the seas. While marshaling his little boats into line, loading and unloading them, John Davis

was developing those qualities that he now demonstrates as a leader and organizer.

Or ask Rear-Admiral William A. Moffett, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. N., what he did when a boy, and back comes the answer: "I was most interested in flying kites."

Carl E. Akeley, the inventor and big-

for construction is almost helpless. Carl Akeley is not, for as a boy he possessed a toolchest.

Another who used tools was Dr. George Ellery Hale of the Mount Wilson Observatory, one of the foremost astronomers, not only of America, but of the whole world. Among his favorite toys were model engines, yachts, and other machines that afforded opportunity for mechanical construction.

When he was 10 years old, his father gave him a toolchest, and this became the nucleus of a small workshop that he built eight years later. He had a lathe, a scroll saw, a microscope, a camera, a telescope, and other tools and apparatus with which he equipped a small laboratory. There he began to design simple physical and astronomical instruments. Doctor Hale still uses some of the "toys" of his boyhood.

ARE not these examples significant?

As a child, I was extremely interested in mechanical playthings. I can remember that I was never so happy as when I would pull my wagon around town packed full of the neighbor children. I was so much interested in toys that when I became a man, ready to choose my work, I couldn't give them up; so I started in the toy business.

The child who is interested in electrical toys will understand better throughout his lifetime everything he reads about electricity. The boy who spends his time with tools will not necessarily become a mechanic or carpenter, but he will, at least, develop into the "handy man" who is equal to any emergency about the house. Few realize the great importance of playthings in developing genius and craftsmanship.

Occasionally I have watched parents and fond relatives wandering about aimlessly, just before Christmas, in the toy departments of big stores. They finger this toy and that worriedly, and finally end by buying something—anything—at the counter that is least crowded.



"A toy is part of a child's education," says Mr. Strauss. "Why not give children something that will encourage them to think and develop their latent powers?" Above is a new type of educational toy designed to develop the natural ability of boys and girls in construction and architecture. It consists of numbers of standardized building parts, such as walls, flooring, doorways, roofs, and windows. These can be fitted in almost unlimited combinations and designs, from the simplest garage to a skyscraper

game hunter, spent his playtime as a boy with tools. The gift of a folding pocket foot-rule, he says, gave him a big thrill, and with his tools he made toys and useful articles for the house. In the heart of a jungle, hundreds of miles from any source of supplies, a man without ability



Ferdinand Strauss, a pioneer in the invention and manufacture of American mechanical toys, is 59 years old, yet not too old to be passionately fond of playing with his creations, "making the wheels go round." This passion for the creation of playthings—for himself and his companions—has been with him ever since his boyhood days in the little vineyard town of Gölheim, Bavaria. When he was 18 years old, and a university graduate, Strauss came to America. His first position was that of a sample boy for a concern that made and sold summer wearing apparel, and his

salary was three dollars a week. It was not long before the young man who liked to play with toys tired of this work. He left his position, went into business for himself, and popularized the harmonica. From that it was but a short step to the making of mechanical toys, and in this field he achieved his greatest success. This success he has built on the theory that the child is father to the man, and that the selection of toys for children to play with should be made with this idea in mind. The photograph shows him with some of the newest of his ingenious mechanical playthings.

Such parents lose a great opportunity by neglecting a chance to help their children. A toy is part of a child's education. Just as educators choose textbooks, considering carefully the needs of the child, so should the parent choose toys. He should think it all out before ever going near a toy store.

Johnny is 10 years old. What sort of toy will help him most at his particular age? In what sort of thing is he most interested—mechanics, electricity, or something else? And what will amuse

him most? What will give him the best time? The boy is going to spend his play hours some way during the coming year. Why not give him something that will encourage him to think and develop his latent powers?

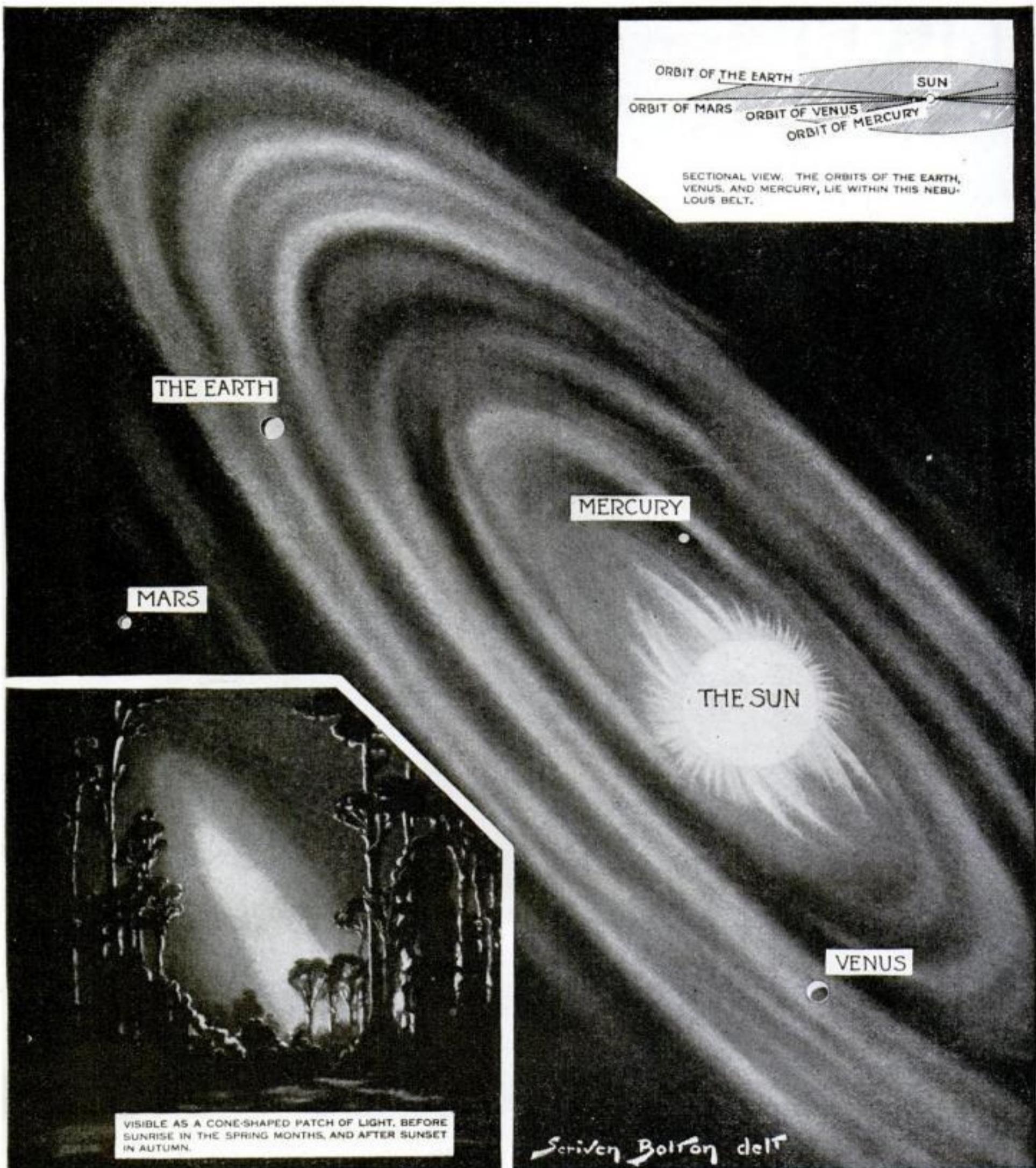
America makes toys that teach something, because it has advanced further in the field of child psychology than any other country in the world, and the psychologists have demonstrated the fact that children *learn while they play*.

America is the land of playing children.

There are 100 children who play in America to 25 in Europe. The result is that there is little individuality in the children in Europe. They are stiff, unassertive, and afraid of one another. Later on, they don't know how to work well together, because they haven't learned how to play together. Most foreigners who visit us remark the smartness of the American child.

You know how it was in Germany during the war—there were only a few

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A 100-Million-Mile Belt around the Sun Does It Affect the Weather Conditions on Earth?

By Scriven Bolton

UNUSUAL weather conditions in all parts of the world during the last few months, especially marked by a late spring and early autumn have given rise to the question whether our climate is affected by a vast 100-million-mile ring of matter observed about the sun.

This faint, cone-shaped belt of light stretching up from the western horizon

has been visible in clear skies before sunrise during the spring, and after sunset during the autumn. It is known to astronomers as the Zodiacal Light. They explain it by saying that the sun is circled by a huge flat ring of matter, somewhat like the rings of Saturn, and extending into space for more than 100 million miles, far beyond the Earth and its orbit, as shown above. Its position, as seen from the Earth, is always edgewise; hence its cone-

shaped appearance. The great ring is composed of a huge conglomeration of minute solid particles, or meteoric bodies, having rough surfaces, and shining by reflected sunlight. Like the Earth, each particle moves in its own elliptical orbit around the sun.

This ring of matter appears to offer no resistance to the movement of the Earth, Venus, and Mercury, whose orbits lie within its boundaries, or to that of comets.

How Typewriter Detectives Solve Baffling Mysteries

Every letter on your machine offers the expert a clue to your identity—Remarkable stories of a new science

By Fritz Blocki

EVERY day science is performing feats that overshadow those of the famous detectives of fiction. Take, for example, the seemingly impossible task of identifying a man by his typewriting—running down a machine-made clue. No doubt you read how this was done in a recent sensational murder case in Chicago, when typewriting experts were able to testify that certain letters that tended to establish a "motive," unquestionably had been written

phy (the photographing of documents), microscopy, photo-micrography, mathematics, and handwriting, are only a few of the scientific branches that the questioned-document expert uses in his daily work; for it should be understood that when the expert asserts that this letter or will is authentic and that one a forgery, he does not merely express an opinion. He must demonstrate the

Loren C. Horton, one of the country's foremost experts on "questioned documents," who has solved many a baffling crime mystery by running down typewriter-made clues. He is shown using an instrument for projecting light through paper to examine ink lines of hand-traced forgeries



on a typewriter that had been stolen by one of the suspects and had been recovered by the police from the bottom of a park lake.

That a criminal can be traced, captured, and convicted through a scrap of typed paper, which apparently is just like any other piece of typing in the world, almost challenges credence; yet to the expert on "questioned documents" such accomplishments are in the day's work.

To him a "slim clue" is not merely a figure of speech; he deals constantly with quantities that are infinitely small. To him a difference of possibly a hundredth of an inch in the length of the cross bars of two typed *t*'s carries a graphic, understandable message. Departures from the rules of punctuation reveal to the expert unmistakable peculiarities of the typist's methods. The difference in shading between two typewritten lines may establish as a forgery a document upon whose authenticity the disposition of thousands of dollars depends.

Loren C. Horton, of New York City, is one of the country's foremost exponents of this little understood science, for science indeed it is. Chemistry, documentogra-

truth of what he says so conclusively that his testimony will be admitted as evidence in a court of law and yet so simply that his processes will be understandable to those who are not scientists—judges, lawyers, and jurors.

The story that Mr. Horton tells of his work is thrilling and dramatic—in its results at any rate, even though those results are achieved by meticulous care, tireless research, repeated experiment and minute analysis—the methods, in short, of the scientific laboratory.

THERE is nothing that suggests the detective in the personality of this man to whom each typewriter possesses characteristics as individual as the differences in height, coloring, features, and body contours that distinguish human beings. In appearance he is not unlike John W. Davis, and he speaks clearly and decisively with the precision of the man long used to scientific accuracy.

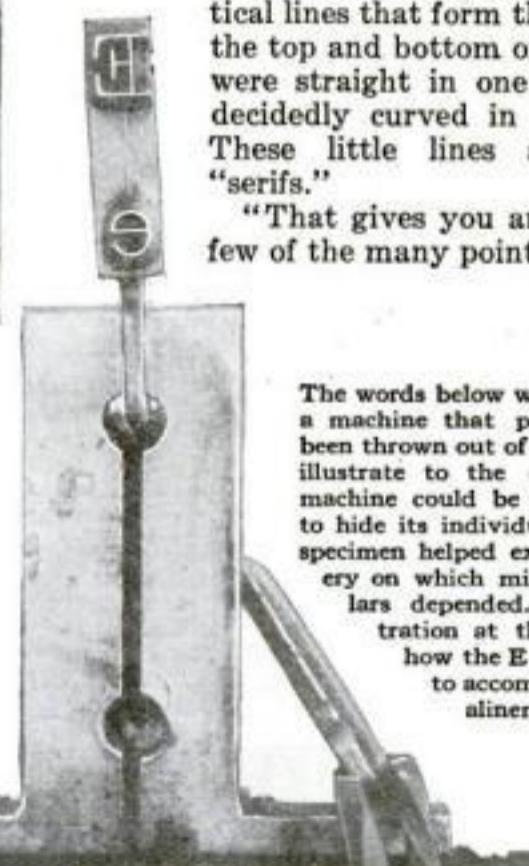
"Typewriters are no more exactly alike than are human beings," he told me. "All

normal people have two arms, two legs, and two eyes, yet no two people are exactly alike, no matter how closely they may seem to resemble each other. So it is with typewriters. These show their individuality, not by their appearance, perhaps, but by their written products, or their type equipment. These are as various as the persons who use the machines, though the writing may all look strikingly alike to a layman.

"The various styles of type on various makes of typewriters are not the same; no two sets of type made by different manufacturers are exactly alike in shape."

MR. HORTON took up two bits of typing I had brought with me. He glanced at them and quickly told me that they had been written on different typewriters, though he had never seen those slips of paper before. Then he had me examine them under a microscope, and by comparing only two letters, the *a* and the *s*, I quickly noted a marked difference between them. The concluding curl of the *a* on the lower right-hand corner curled upward in one letter, downward in the other. On the letter *s*, the vertical lines that form the finish at the top and bottom of the letter were straight in one specimen, decidedly curved in the other. These little lines are called "serifs."

"That gives you an idea of a few of the many points of differ-



The words below were typed on a machine that purposely had been thrown out of alignment to illustrate to the court how a machine could be manipulated to hide its individuality. This specimen helped expose a forgery on which millions of dollars depended. The illustration at the left shows how the *E* bar was bent to accomplish the misalignment of type

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

ence that may be found in typewriting," said Mr. Horton. "Besides these, there may be a difference in the curvature of the elliptical letters, such as *e*, *c*, or capital *G*, or the angles of *w*, *v*, and *y* may be sharp in one case, comparatively broad

in another. Other differences may be found in the length of the tail of the *y* or in the length of the cross bar of the *t*.

"A very slight difference in the length of this cross bar helped to expose a forged will in a case involving several hundred thousand dollars. A few years after a wealthy Chicago man died the manager of his wife's affairs produced an alleged will purporting to have been written four years after a will already probated.

"I photographically enlarged this document, taking a section at a time. The enlarged photographs and the will itself as seen under the microscope showed that the impressions of all letters had been very slightly penciled over, a task that must have taken hours. So carefully was the work done that it was almost impossible to detect the change with the unaided eye.

ALSO, the type bars of the machine on which the 'will' was typed had been bent in a way that was most unlikely to have occurred from usage. The inference was that an attempt had been made to disguise the typewriter. However, the writer of the document could not change certain unmistakable characteristics, so I was able to name the make of typewriter used in preparing the alleged will.

"Years after the date of this 'will' the company had shortened the cross bars of its *t*'s. If the will were typed on a machine with short cross bars, it would disclose that the date was incorrect; hence, that the will was a forgery. So it was necessary to lengthen the cross bar on each *t* with a graphite pencil.

"One letter so doctored would have meant quick detection, but with all letters penciled, it was virtually impossible to prove that the *t*'s had been lengthened. There were so many suspicious points connected with this document.

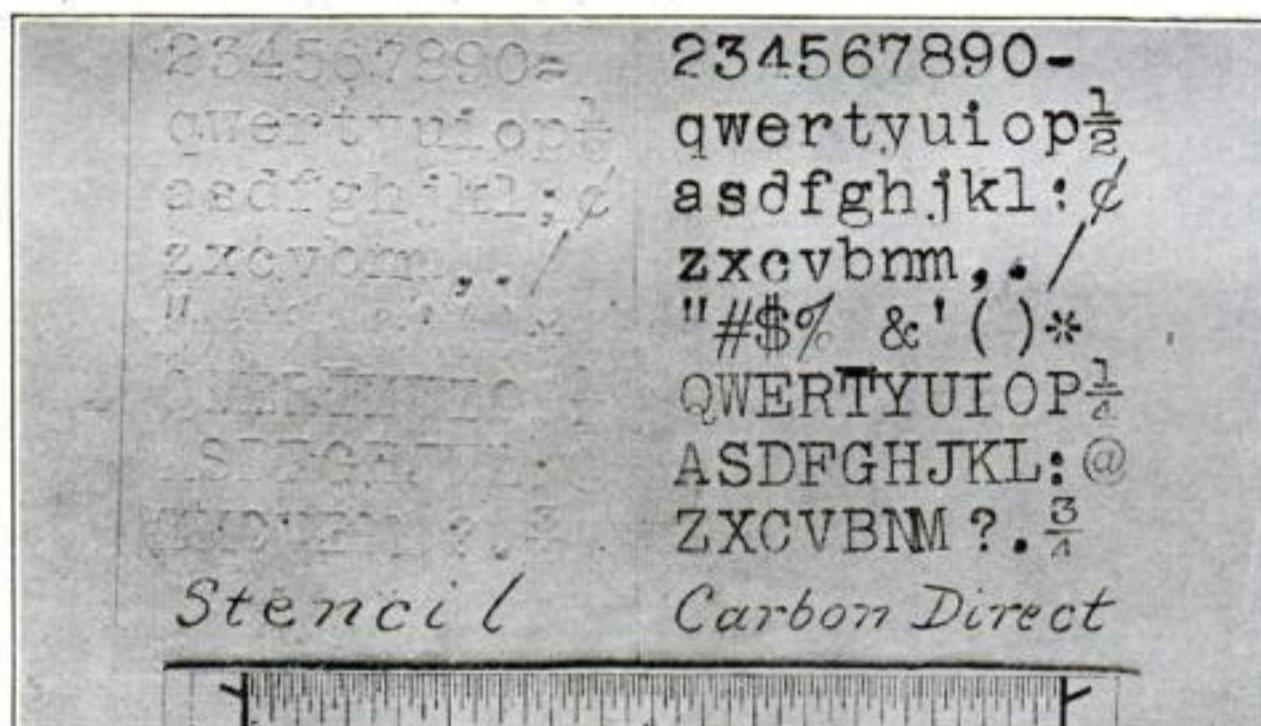
however, that it was not admitted to probate.

"In another case a man who tried to alter a document with a machine of later date than that with which the original typing was done attempted to change the length of the cross bar on the *t* by grinding it down with an emery wheel. He succeeded, but only partly, for in doing the work he accidentally shaved the little curl

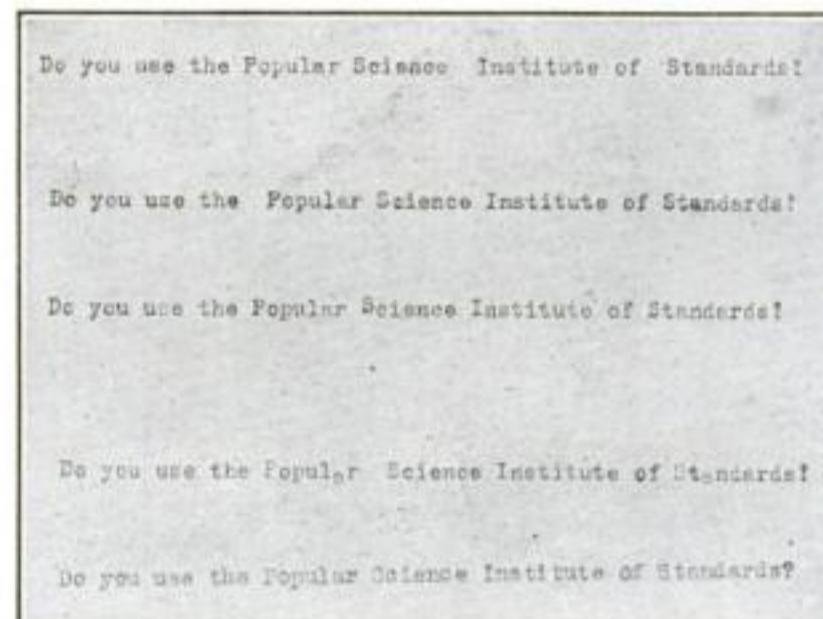
at the bottom of the letter. The odd appearance of the resultant letter aroused suspicion, and magnified photographs of the type showed plainly the marks of some abrasive.

"Typewriting is almost as personal as penmanship sometimes, due to certain peculiarities or mannerisms that the typist has developed. Such clues may be found in spacing, spelling, or punctuation.

"Some time ago an office of the Department of Justice was astonished to find a confidential letter from its files printed in a magazine. There was a bad 'leak' somewhere. The letter that had been sold to the magazine was obtained, and was found to be a typewritten copy of the original, the latter having been in longhand. This typewritten copy had so many individual characteristics that the copyist might almost as well have signed his name to



These magnified copies of typewritten letters, in stencil and in carbon, reveal the imperfect type faces and uneven type impressions that give the machine that printed them an unquestioned individuality



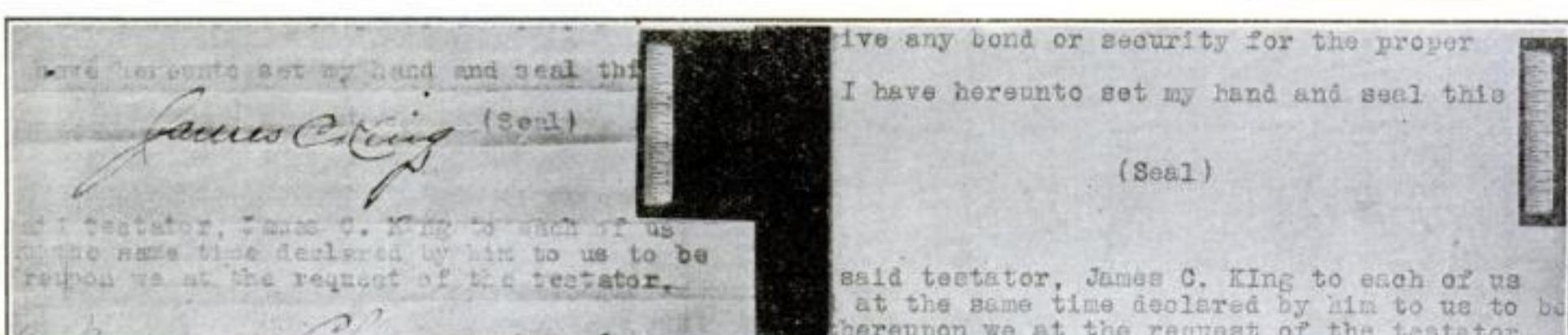
How many differences can you find in these lines? They were written by five different persons on two different machines—the top four on a machine of one make, and the bottom one on a machine of another make. If you look carefully you will see certain distinguishing characteristics of typewriters and typists, such as differences in the strength of impressions, and imperfect letters. Notice that the fallen *a* in the fourth line evidently is the fault of the typist rather than the machine, for the *a*'s in all the other lines are aligned. It is by scientific study of such peculiarities that different typewriters and different typists are identified when necessary to establish evidence in connection with disputed papers

it. In breaking a word at the end of a line, for example, he invariably inserted a second dash at the beginning of the next line. Also, he had a habit of following each semicolon with a dash.

"With such personal characteristics as a guide, finding the seller of the letter was a matter merely of elimination among those who had access to the copied letter.

NOT only may machines of different makes be distinguished readily, but each machine from the same factory presents individual characteristics, sometimes even before it has been used. I have often examined a brand new machine and found breaks in the outlines of a letter, or distortions of the serifs, imperfections too small to be noticed ordinarily, yet tremendously important in fixing the individuality of that particular machine. In other cases machines are individualized through the type being 'off its

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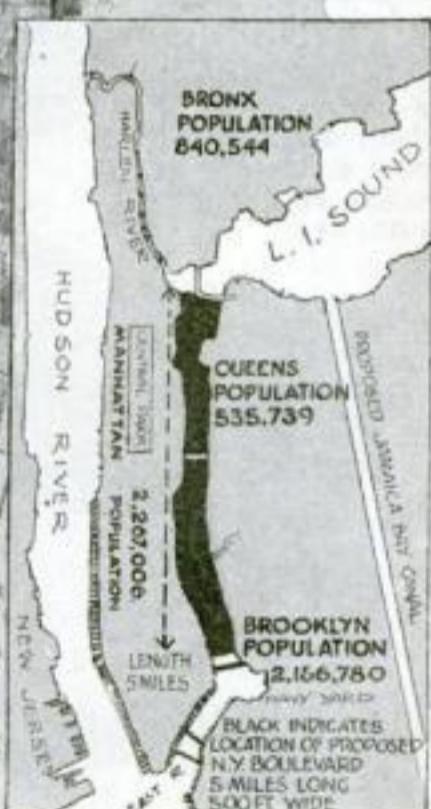
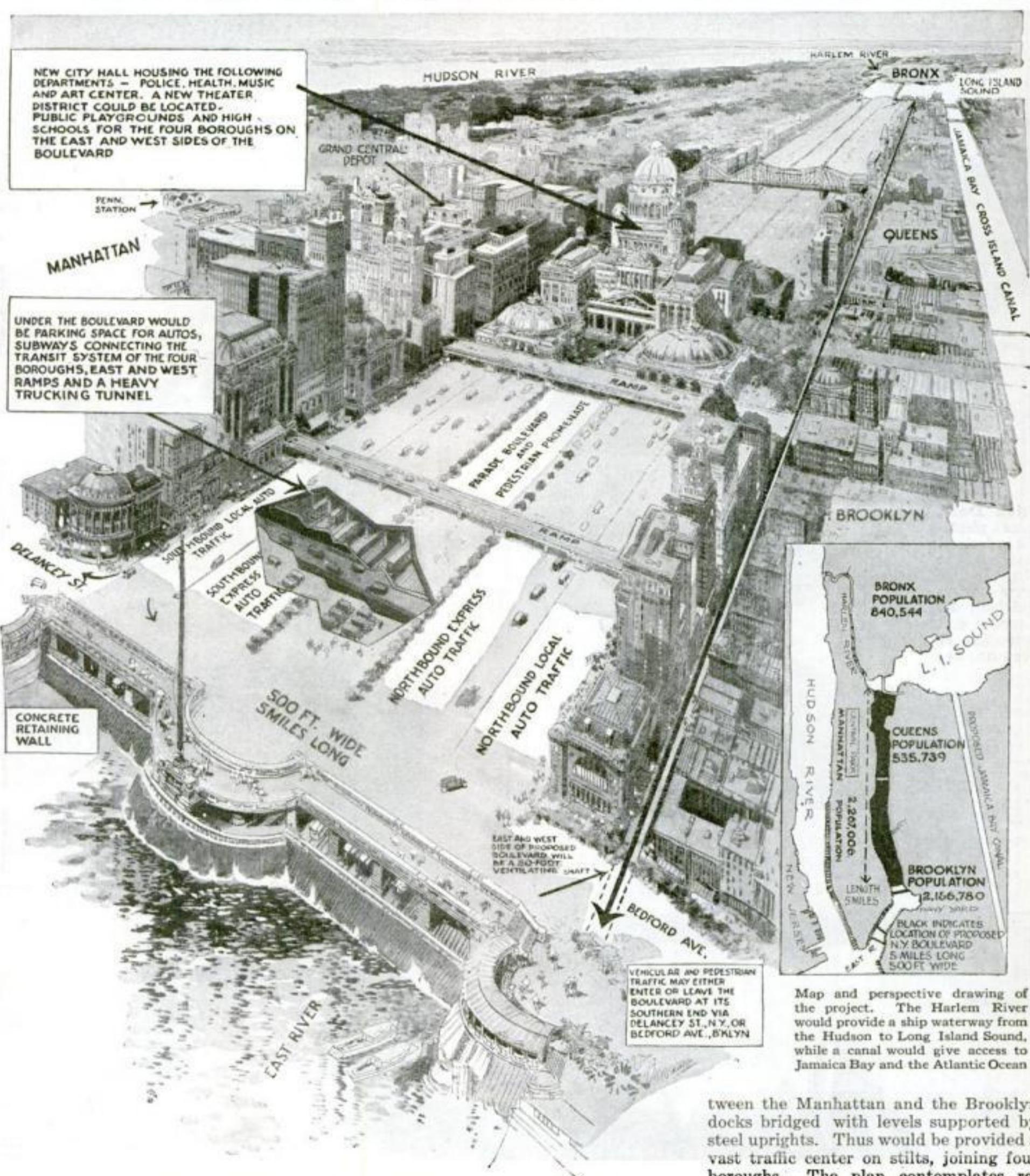


At the left is a photographic reproduction of a disputed will. Mr. Horton testified that every letter in this document had been penciled over. This was done, he inferred, to hide the fact that the cross bars of the *t*'s had been lengthened by pencil to make it appear that the document had been

typed on a machine of a model that corresponded with its date. At the right is a copy of the same document. Comparison between the two specimens brought out important characteristics in the typing of the original document and so supplied valuable evidence concerning the will

Plan to Drain a New York River

Vast Engineering Project to Relieve Traffic Congestion



INCREASING traffic congestion in Greater New York City, which is causing a loss estimated at more than \$1,500,000 every day, recently called forth this vast plan of draining the East River and converting what now is a busy waterway into a five-mile system of automobile and motor-truck highways, subway lines, parking spaces, and city centers.

This particular idea comes from Dr. John A. Harriss, special deputy police

commissioner in charge of traffic, and is under consideration by municipal authorities. If carried out, it undoubtedly will be one of the most tremendous engineering feats ever undertaken.

The project calls for erection of two concrete dams—one at lower Manhattan near the Williamsburg Bridge, the other where the Harlem River joins the East River near Hell Gate. The river then would be drained, and the 500 feet be-

tween the Manhattan and the Brooklyn docks bridged with levels supported by steel uprights. Thus would be provided a vast traffic center on stilts, joining four boroughs. The plan contemplates removal of noisy elevated structures.

From the river bed would be built subways, vehicular subway, taxi stands, conduits, city equipment departments, parking spaces, and private and municipal garages. On the top level would be five 100-foot boulevards for autos and pedestrians. Ramps would provide for cross traffic. And midway along the great thoroughfare would be erected an imposing city hall and community center.

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They Once Lived

If the Animals of Today Kept
of Prehistoric Monsters



The hairy Mastodon roamed the United States before the last Ice Age, ages ago. Some believe these beasts were hunted by men of primeval times



Irish Deer, once plentiful in Ireland and on the Continent, grew antlers weighing 80 pounds and spreading 11 feet across

The Caenopus (below) was an ancestor of the horned rhinoceros. It lived a million years ago, and was about the size of a Jersey cow

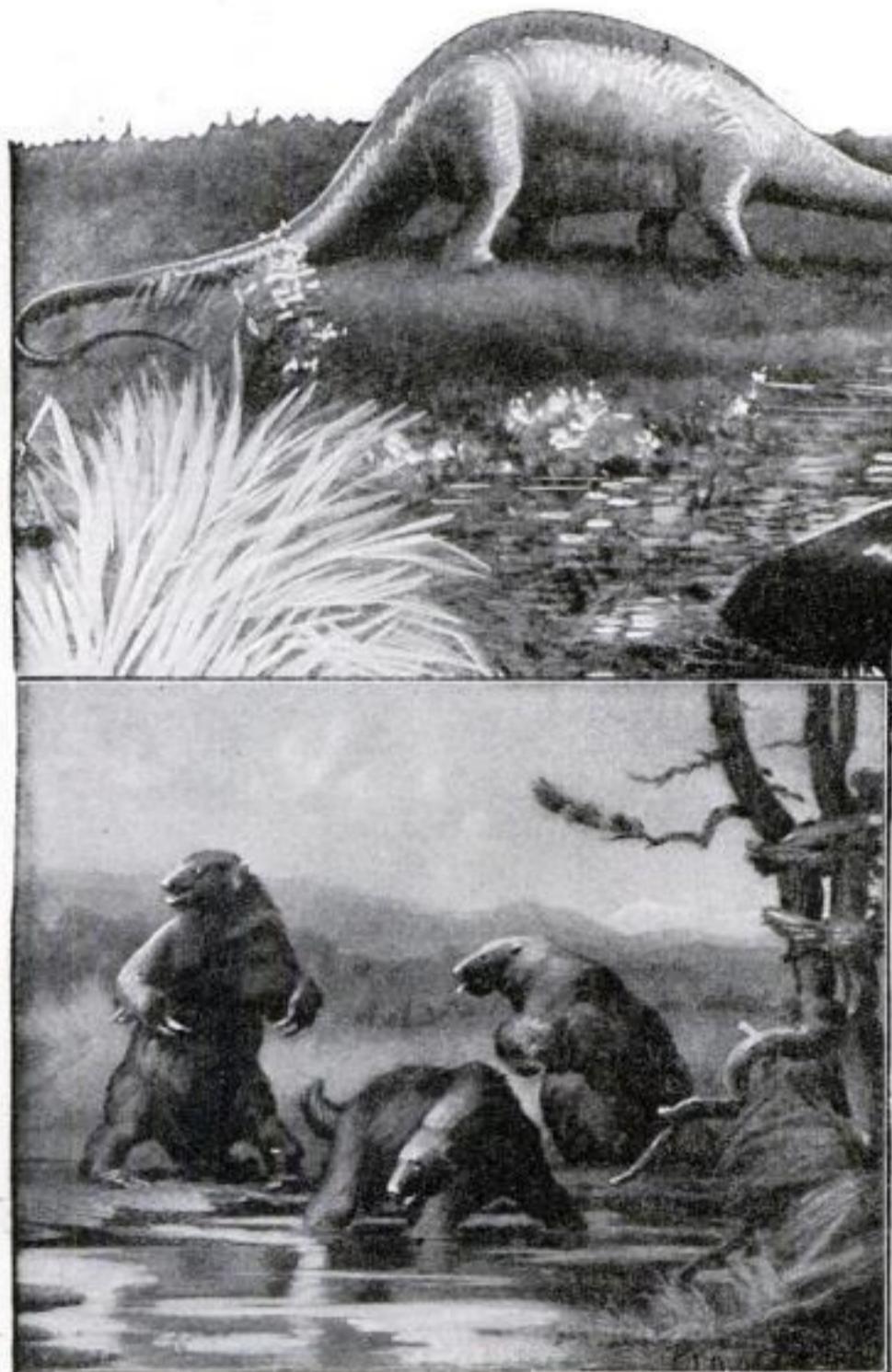


Fierce Saber-Toothed Tigers preparing to attack the Giant Sloths, pictured opposite. Above the tigers sit great prehistoric vultures

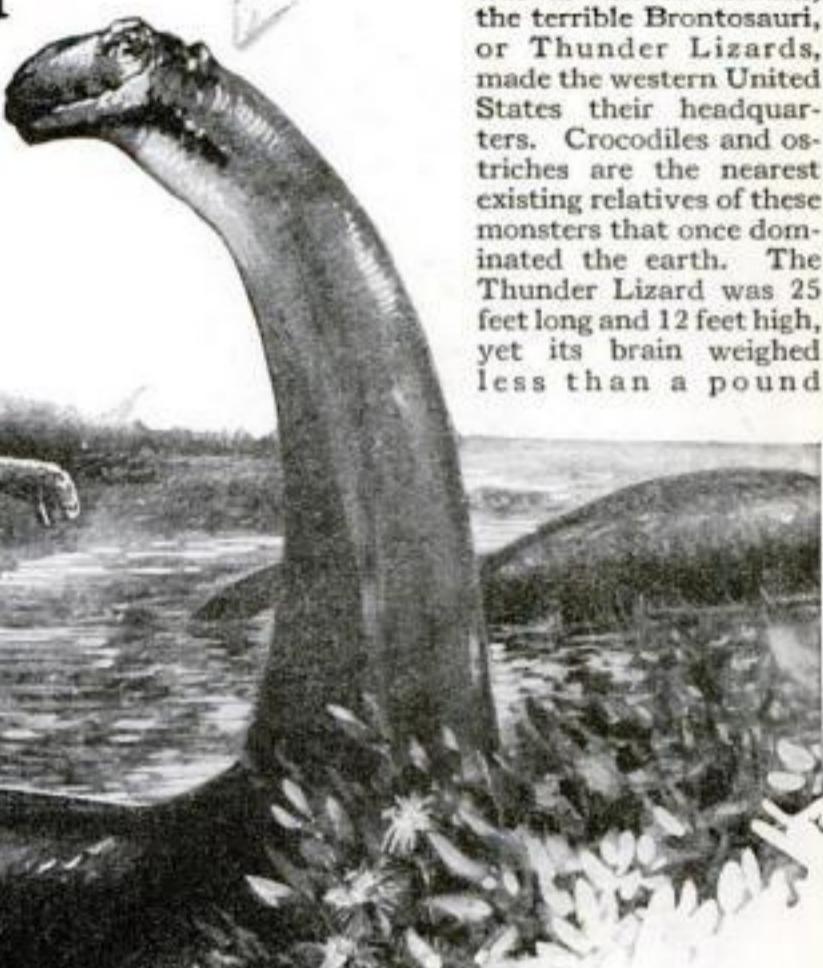


in Your Backyard

Family Albums, These Pictures
Might Appear in Them



Ground sloths living now are small surviving cousins of these clumsy monsters of past ages. Embedded in their tough hide were thousands of round pieces of bone, forming a coat of armor. Even this was not protection enough from the blood-thirsty saber-toothed tigers pictured on the opposite page

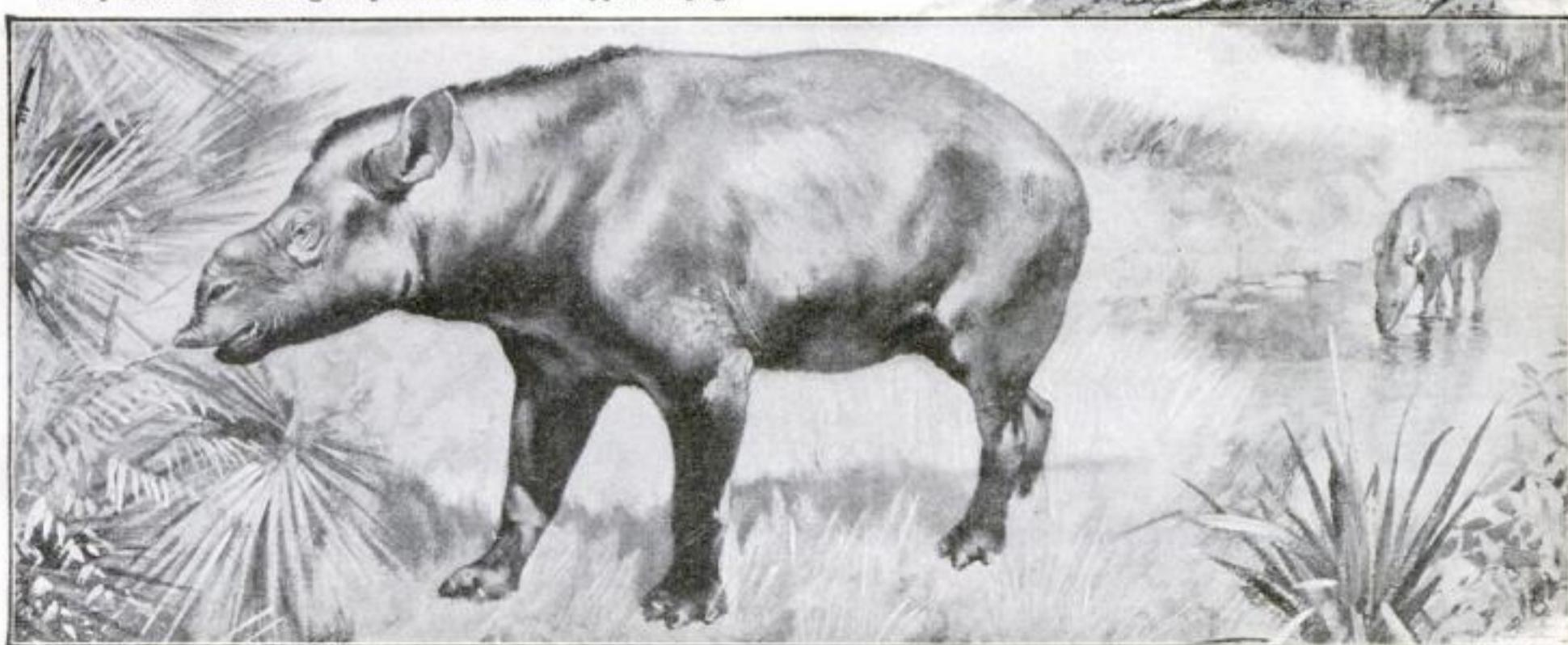


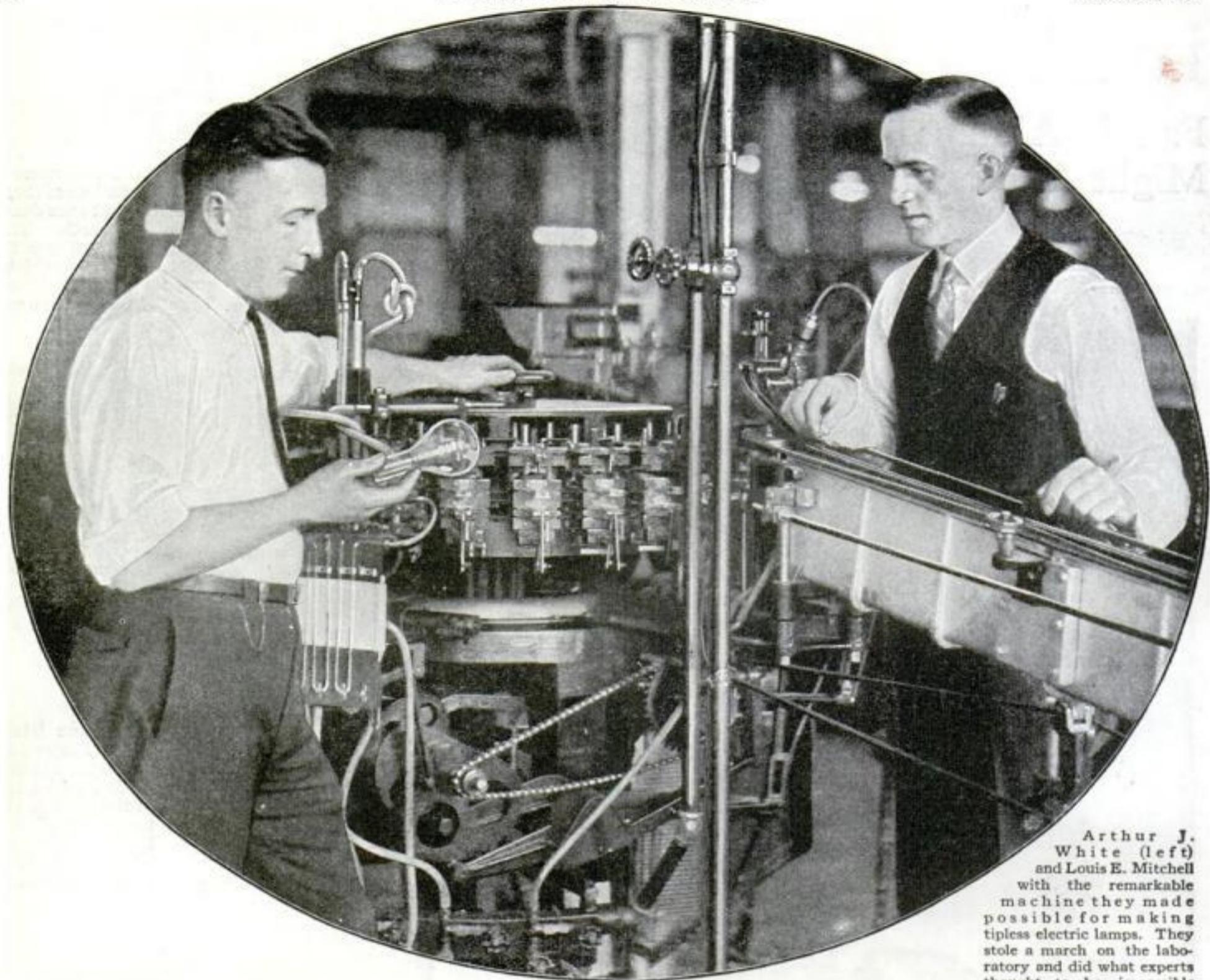
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Before the Rockies existed, and when Colorado was as flat as Kansas, the terrible Brontosauri, or Thunder Lizards, made the western United States their headquarters. Crocodiles and ostriches are the nearest existing relatives of these monsters that once dominated the earth. The Thunder Lizard was 25 feet long and 12 feet high, yet its brain weighed less than a pound

Illustrations from murals by Charles R. Knight, courtesy American Museum of Natural History

Two million years ago the strange Palaeosyops (below) browsed in grass along river banks. Its remains have been found in Wyoming





Arthur J. White (left) and Louis E. Mitchell with the remarkable machine they made possible for making tipless electric lamps. They stole a march on the laboratory and did what experts thought to be impossible.

They Did the "Impossible"

How Two Mechanics Made Tipless Lamps when Experts Failed

By George Appel

LOUIS E. MITCHELL and Arthur J. White, foremen in the Nela Lamp Division, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio, recently were given awards by the General Electric Foundation, established by Charles E. Coffin in recognition of outstanding services performed during the year.

The awards were bestowed for an achievement that outside the industry went practically unnoticed, yet one that marked an epochal event in electric lighting—the production of a true tipless lamp.

For years experimenters had sought vainly to eliminate the little sharp tip on the end of a light bulb. The tip is what is left after the exhausting tube is sealed off when the air is pumped out of the bulb. It causes more than half the breakage of lamps during manufacture and afterward, because it strikes and catches on things. Moreover, manufacture of tipped lamps involves a highly complicated hand process that is slow and expensive. Altogether, the tip had been a prime nuisance.

A remarkable feature of the success of Mitchell and White is that experimenting is not their business. They are employed to work out production methods in lamp manufacture. After experimenters in the Nela laboratories have developed a new type of lamp, and after engineers have developed the machinery, Mitchell and White take hold, organizing the shop system and training the key workers.

In the matter of the tipless lamp, they stole a march on the laboratory staff and did the job some experts thought was impossible.

"WE BOTH have been interested in tipless lamps for a long time," White told me. "A little more than four years ago, we had some idle time on our hands between organization jobs, and we decided to see what we could do about those tips."

"We tried all the old methods of eliminating the tip, to see if they furnish any practical ideas, but we found they all had drawbacks that couldn't be overcome."

Mitchell, who is round faced and jovial,

and White, who is slim and thoughtfully solemn, spoke alternately, each supplying points the other overlooked.

"THEN we thought of running a little tube up through the base," they continued. "We thought if we could connect a small tube to the inside of the lamp through the glass standard that holds the filament, we could exhaust it through that and seal it."

"The idea looked good, but we hit a snag trying to carry it out. The tube could be welded in, but we couldn't find any way to punch a hole through the end to the inside of the lamp. I'll bet we tried a hundred ways of doing it, mostly different ways of poking it through with wires. None of them worked."

"Then we tried air pressure. We sealed the extreme end of the little tube and heated it and brought the end and the standard to a plastic state by heat. Just as we thought, the air confined in the little tube expanded enough to blow the hole through. But it wasn't a good pro-

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Do You Know How to Wash Your Hands?

Most of us don't—How
to care for your
skin in the
winter

By
Charles
Mallory
Williams, M.D.

ONE cold day last winter a man came into my office complaining of troublesome itching of his hands.

"I suffer this way whenever we have a cold spell," he told me. "At other times I am not bothered. I don't know how to account for it."

On examining him I found the skin very dry, with a few tiny scales where he had scratched. The skin was extremely irritated, but there was nothing radically wrong with the man. He simply didn't know how to take care of his skin—in short, didn't know how to wash himself—in cold weather. He had exposed his hands to the cold and wind until they had become dry and scaly. Then he had aggravated this condition by further drying his skin with hot water and strong alkaline soap.

There is nothing unusual in this case. Few people understand how to protect and care for their skin in the cold of winter. The result is evidenced in the increasing prevalence of chapped hands and wrists, cracked lips, itching legs and chilblains in these days of silk hosiery, low shoes, liquid soap, and paper towels.

KNOWLEDGE about your skin, its structure and its functions, is extremely important, because its condition has a vital bearing on your personal health and comfort. Briefly, the skin consists of a tough layer, like fine leather, which serves to protect the flesh beneath from injury and from cold, and to support the nerves and blood vessels, oil glands and sweat glands that run through it. Above this layer is a thinner, softer layer, the part which we can see and touch. This is constantly wearing away, and as constantly renewed from below. It has no nerves nor blood vessels, so a slight injury produces neither pain nor bleeding. Also a slight injury leaves no permanent scar. In fact, every time you wash or shave, some of this surface layer comes off.

The oil and sweat glands supply oil to keep the skin soft and pliable. The sweat glands, besides supplying a little oil, secrete water in quantities, depending on the amount needed to cool the body by evaporation.

"If your skin gets dry and harsh in cold weather," says Doctor Williams, "beware of strong soap and hot water. Wash your hands as little as possible and dry them quickly and thoroughly."



What happens when you go out into the cold? First, the blood vessels contract, causing pallor; the skin feels cold and shriveled. Then, if you are fortunate enough to have good circulation, the blood vessels dilate again, causing a flushing and a feeling of warmth. At the same time, the secretion of sweat is checked, to prevent loss of heat that would be caused by evaporation of the water. The skin becomes dry, partly be-

The Mistakes We Make

DOCTOR WILLIAMS, a famous New York authority on the care of the skin, says that we bring upon ourselves much of the skin irritation of wintertime by too much soap and water and too little clothing.

He points out the mistakes most of us make and tells us how to avoid them.

His advice is of vital importance to thousands who suffer needlessly in cold weather.—THE EDITOR.

cause less sweat is secreted, and partly because what little sweat still is formed is evaporated rapidly by the warmth of the body and the dryness of the winter air.

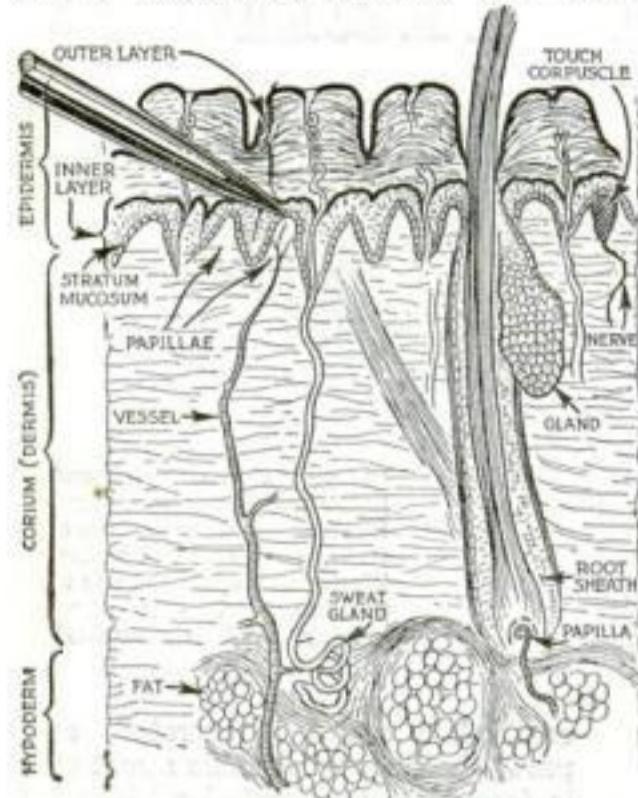
IF THE exposure is repeated often, there are changes in the formation of the outermost layer, which becomes more horny than usual, and probably there are changes also in the oil glands. All these alterations are increased by wind, which makes evaporation more rapid and increases the sensation of cold. There result, then, the sensible effects with which we are all familiar. The skin of the hands, especially over the knuckles, becomes a little thicker than usual, and feels dry and harsh. Fine scales appear on the surface, and if these are not shed as they normally would be if they had not been toughened by the cold, they turn a dirty gray.

This change in color appears especially over the elbows and knees, and on the skin of the legs just above the shoe-tops. You needn't try to wash this dirty color off, for you will only make the skin tender and help to chap it. The dry, thick skin is not so flexible as usual. Cracks appear over the joints, especially the knuckles, and there begins an itching that may make your life a burden.

WEET cold has a somewhat different effect. If you are run down physically or if your circulation is poor, long exposure to cold and wet, like standing in wet shoes in the slush of spring, may lead to chilblains. These are dusky swellings in the skin, usually on the feet, but sometimes on the hands, which itch and burn abominably when the skin is warmed, but which, curiously enough, become fairly comfortable when the skin is cold. They are tender and sensitive, easily injured, and when once they start they are likely to last until warm weather comes.

If you want to avoid all these extra woes of winter and early spring, you must begin by protecting your skin as far as possible. First of all, don't let it get cold. Fortunately, your face is tough, and probably won't give you much trouble, unless you are cursed with a particularly sensitive skin—then you may get cracked lips if

you aren't careful. Try to keep your hands and feet always warm and dry. Wear woolen or fur gloves if necessary. Above everything, protect your feet



The structure of your skin. Beneath the protective outer layers are the oil and sweat glands that keep the skin soft and pliable. Too frequent washing with hot water and soap dries and cracks the skin in cold, windy weather

from the wet. The cold of outdoors, of course, is the greatest enemy of the skin, but you may have considerable trouble even if you stay in the house. There it is excessive dryness that you have most to fear.

I REMEMBER one patient, troubled with skin irritation, who couldn't account for the fact that her skin was like parchment, her hands and wrists chapped, and the linings of her nose and throat dry. She said she always was careful to protect herself against the elements on the few occasions she ventured out in winter.

On questioning her I found that in the heating apparatus of her home there was no provision whatever for supplying moisture to the air. Cold air cannot hold as much water vapor as warm air, and when winter air is raised from 20°F. to 70°F. without any provision for supplying moisture, its relative humidity becomes as low as that of the desert, and evaporation from the skin is correspondingly rapid. Any means you can improvise to keep the air of your house and office moist, such as placing pans of water on the radiators, will help to prevent chapped hands. It is well, too, to make sure your furnace has some means of humidifying the air. If it has not, almost any furnace expert can remedy the defect.

Protection of the skin means more than wearing warm clothes. One of the most

important things to guard against is an excessive use of strong soap. Strongly alkaline soaps, notoriously injurious to the skin, are doubly so in cold weather. Even good neutral soaps may be too strong for a very dry skin, and there are many people who find it impossible to take a hot bath more than once a week in winter on account of the intolerable itching it produces. A cool bath is better, for it does not remove so much of the natural oil of the skin.

IF YOU find that a hot bath with soap makes you itch all over, and especially where the clothes rub or press upon the skin, try a warm bath without soap, and if you are still uncomfortable, try the next time, a cold bath.

Each individual must determine the temperature and frequency of his baths to suit his own needs and comfort. Wash enough for cleanliness, but don't overdo it; and be guided not by what others do, but by the reaction of your own skin.

If you are blessed with a sound, supple skin with plenty of natural oil, bathe as

After washing, rub in a little of a good hand lotion. One of the best known is a mixture of equal parts of glycerine and rose-water. This will do very well for most people, but there are some who cannot use it, for they find that glycerine is very irritating. A lotion that can be used by almost every one, is an emulsion of olive oil made up with tragacanth. A small quantity of this should be put on the skin and rubbed in until it disappears.

In some cases a good cold cream, or similar preparation will serve better than any lotion. Some people, too, find that pure olive oil does as well as anything. Whatever is used should be applied after every washing, before going out into the cold, and again on coming in. It is better to use a little very often than to use a great deal once or twice a day. All that has been said applies particularly to the hands, because they must be washed more often than any other part of the body, and are most apt to give trouble.

Next to the hands, the part most frequently affected probably is the six inches of skin above the shoe tops. There are

two reasons for this: first, it is often insufficiently protected by clothing; and, second, the circulation in the lower part of the leg is very often sluggish. If the local circulation is poor, the local nutrition is poor, and a poorly nourished skin will itch, chap, crack and become infected, where a well nourished skin would remain healthy.

KEEP the legs warm by proper clothing, and help the circulation by proper exercise. For a local application, the lotions and



Much suffering from skin troubles always follows bitter winds such as those depicted in this New York street scene, says Doctor Williams. Too much washing with soap and water, and inadequate clothing are responsible. Wash yourself carefully, clothe yourself warmly enough, and you need not suffer

much as you please; but if you are cursed with a skin that gets dry and harsh in cold weather, cracking easily, beware of soap and water.

You can avoid a good many washings of your hands by keeping them clean in the first place. For example, wear gloves whenever you have a particularly dirty job to do, such as oiling an automobile or tending the furnace. You can't get along without washing, however, so the method of washing and the after treatment are important.

WAsh with warm, rather than hot water, rinse the soap off completely, especially if it is liquid soap, and dry the skin quickly and thoroughly immediately afterward. A wet skin is a cold skin, and a cold skin chaps. In using paper towels be sure they are sufficiently absorbent. If necessary, use several to dry your hands. A clean, soft, dry towel is the only kind that is really satisfactory.



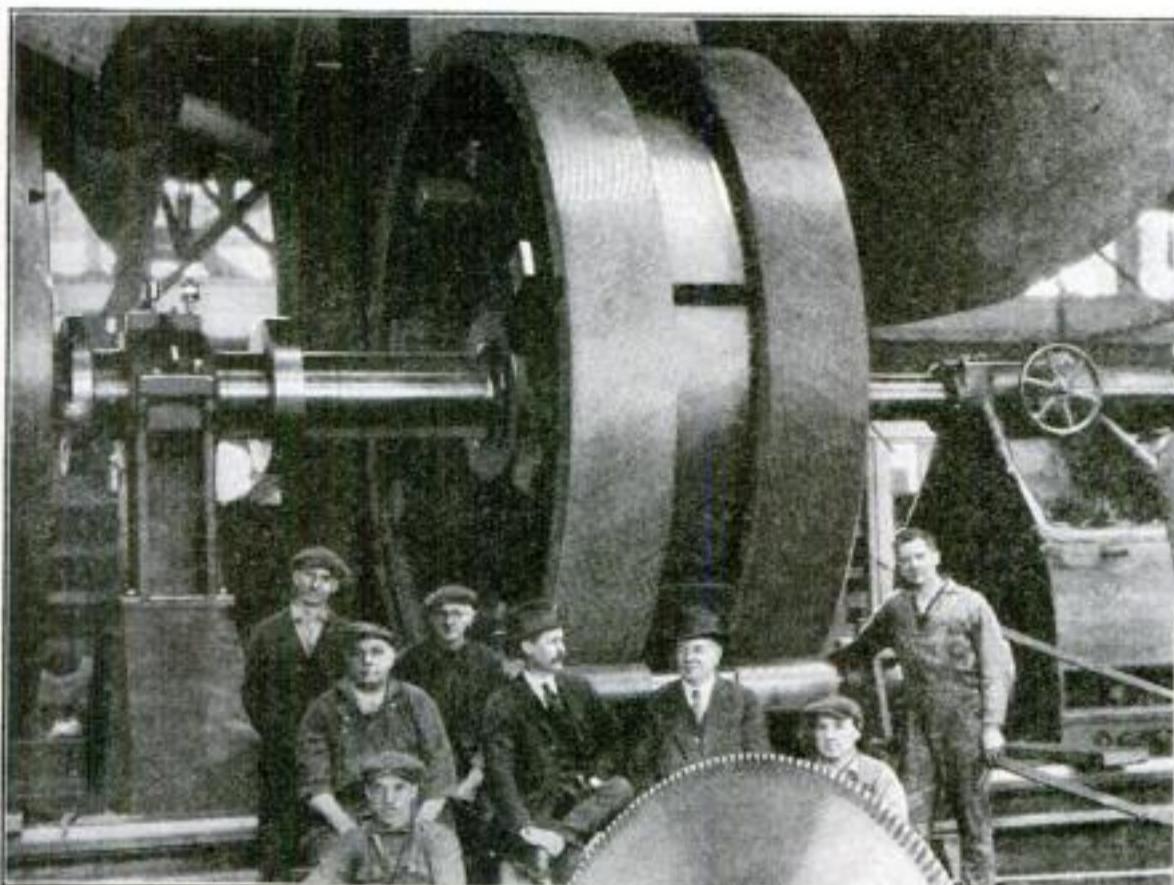
For frostbite, the old-fashioned remedy of rubbing the frozen member with snow is as good as it ever was. In this way the flesh thaws gradually and circulation is resumed

cream above mentioned are useful. Also there is an old-fashioned country remedy that often is successful. This is to rub a

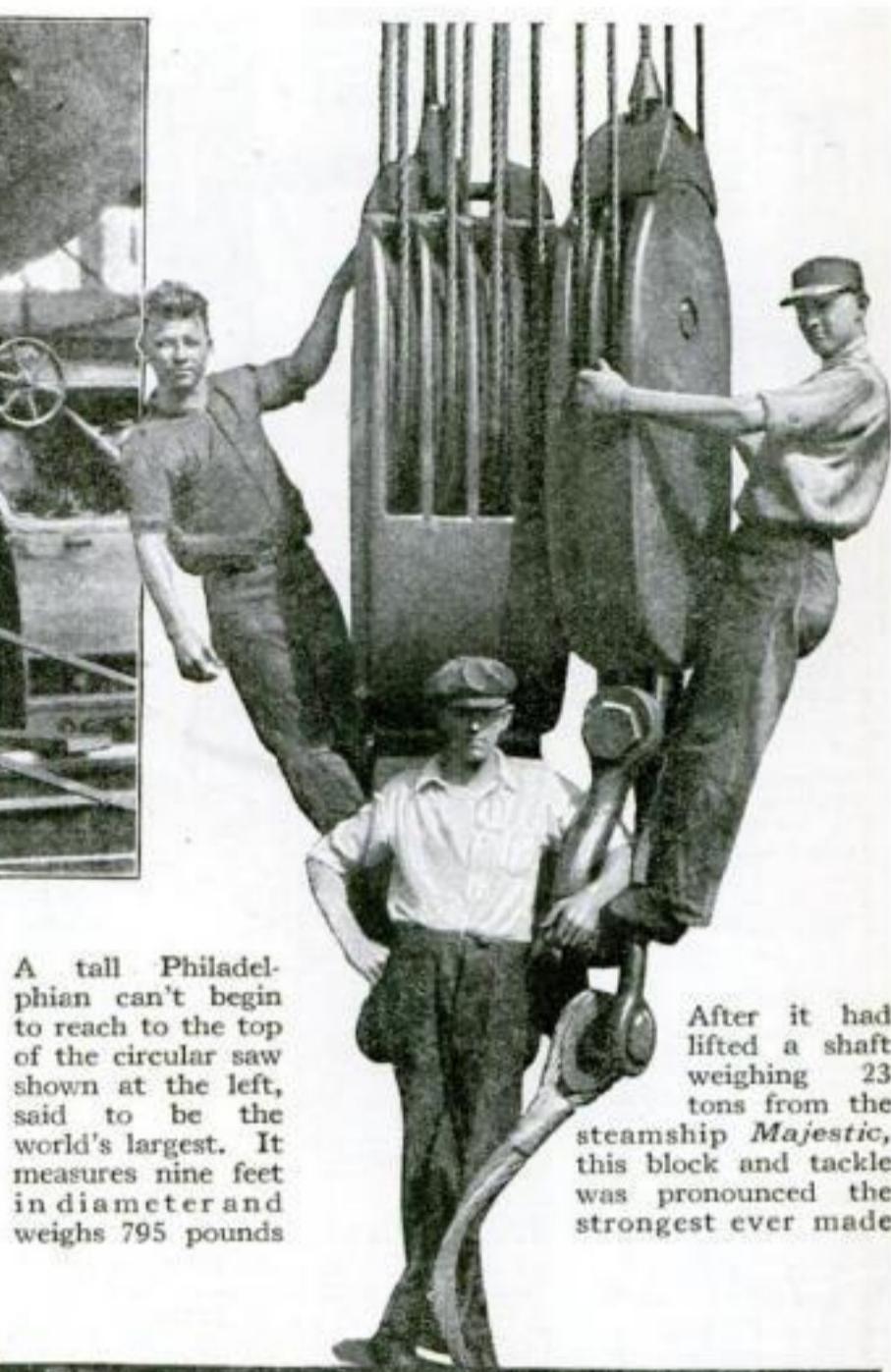
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The Biggest of Their Kind

Have You Ever Seen Anything to Equal Them in Size?



Machinists in the Philadelphia Navy Yard who helped to turn out this mammoth gear wheel claim it is the biggest gear in the United States. It weighs 70,000 pounds, and was installed as part of the powerful machinery of the U.S.S. *Dobbin*



A tall Philadelphian can't begin to reach to the top of the circular saw shown at the left, said to be the world's largest. It measures nine feet in diameter and weighs 795 pounds

After it had lifted a shaft weighing 23 tons from the steamship *Majestic*, this block and tackle was pronounced the strongest ever made



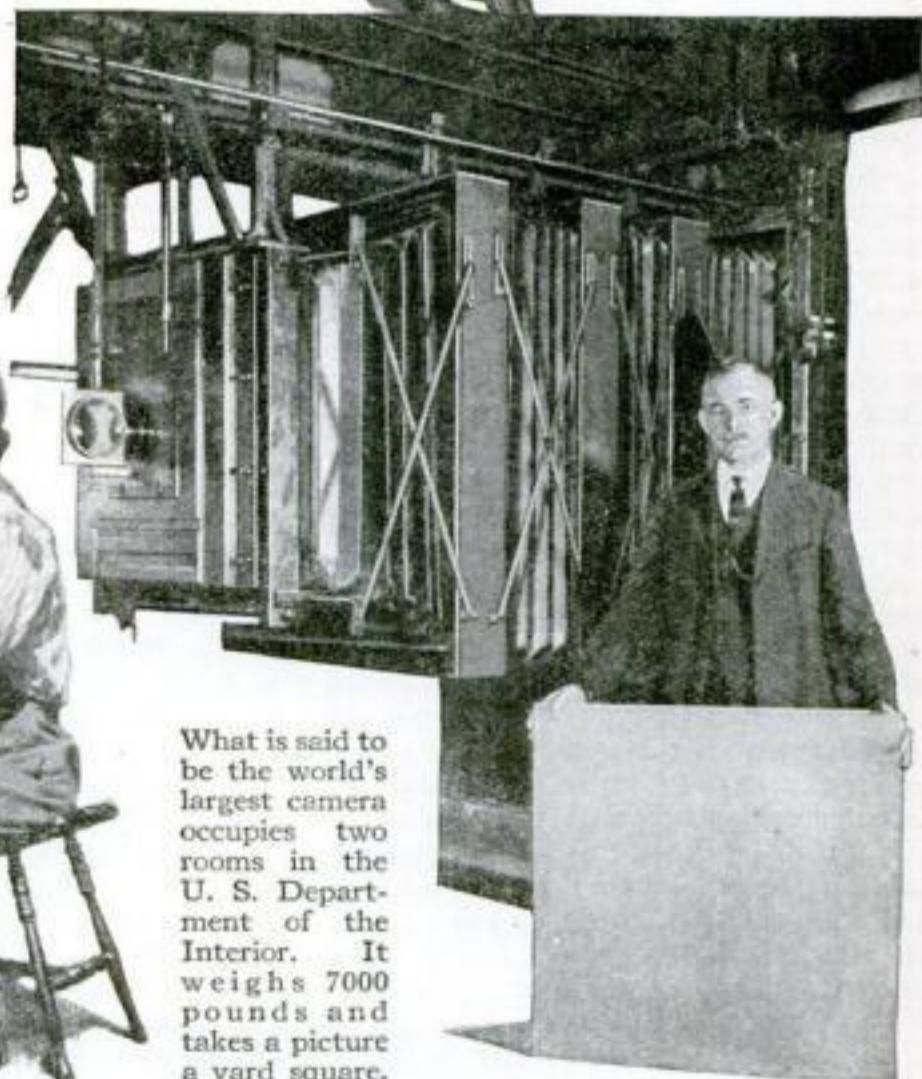
Henry E. Sillcocks, of Waltham, Mass., claims the ball of string he has wound is the largest ever made



Nearly three times as tall as a six-year-old child, the Oriental vase (below) has been accorded the world's record for size. Santa Barbara, Calif., claims it. Have you ever seen a vase as big as this?



What is said to be the world's largest camera occupies two rooms in the U. S. Department of the Interior. It weighs 7000 pounds and takes a picture a yard square. It is operated by electricity





By Raymond J. Brown

WANTED: \$100,000,000 to assure mankind of all the heat and power that will be required until the end of time!

If you were to read somewhere an advertisement worded substantially as the above, your curiosity undoubtedly would be piqued. Probably if you paused to analyze such a statement you would become suspicious of the good faith of the person who framed it. For it does seem absurd that for an amount of money less than the world's present weekly coal bill, an amount only about three per cent of what is required to run our government for a year, there could be accomplished any such tremendous thing as driving every factory and warming every house that ever will stand on earth.

And yet this amazing suggestion is made by one of the world's foremost men, an engineer and scientist who has contributed immensely to the welfare and comfort of the human race. Moreover, his suggestion and his definite plan for carrying it out have been indorsed and declared sound by other eminent engineers.

What he proposes to do on a gigantic scale already has been done successfully in a smaller way. Indeed, only within the last few weeks the United States Government officially admitted the feasibility of the plan by assigning a group of experts to investigate its possibilities.

This man is Sir Charles A. Parsons, K.C.B., F.R.S., the noted British scientist to whom we are indebted for the present-

Gate valve and steam recording instruments of America's first power-generating plant to be operated by natural steam from underground. For this plant, at Healdsburg, Calif., engineers tapped an enormous supply of steam by drilling only 300 feet into the ground. The heat at the bottom was more than 600 degrees, and at the surface about 350 degrees. The steam pressure of the plant ranges up to about 70 pounds

day widespread use of the steam turbine. The way in which he proposes to make man forever independent of coal, oil, and other similar sources of power is by sinking a shaft 12 miles deep and drawing out the tremendous heat of the earth's interior.

Now you may raise the objection that were such a shaft to be sunk, it would be impossible to distribute the resulting power over the whole earth. That is true, today, but you must not forget that engineering skill has not reached its limit yet. Power today is carried over distances that a quarter of a century ago would have seemed unbelievable.

Endless Twelve Miles

"We Can Tap It for

THAT better electric generators, more efficient storage batteries, new methods in wire transmission and even radio transmission of power can be expected in the future scarcely need be said. Certain it is that if engineers find at their disposal any such tremendous source of power as lies in the crust of the earth, they will prove capable of developing ways to utilize it.

It was almost 20 years ago that Sir Charles first brought to the attention of science the possibility of utilizing the earth's interior heat for the development of power. At the time the suggestion was regarded as an interesting scientific speculation. Hundreds of scientists since then have discussed the proposal and studied it from a theoretical standpoint. Meanwhile, though, Sir



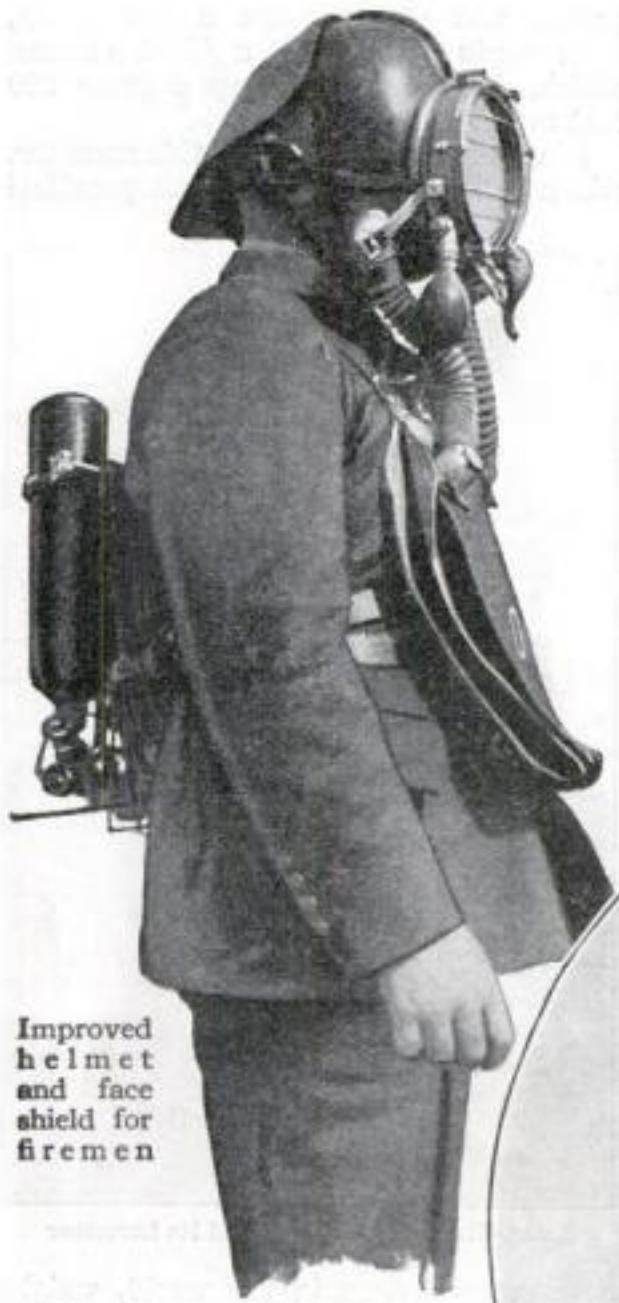
Sir Charles A. Parsons, K.C.B., F.R.S., noted British scientist and father of the steam turbine, who declares the world's heat and power problems could be solved forever by sinking a 12-mile shaft and tapping the tremendous heat of the earth's interior

Charles quietly experimented, until now he has been able to announce that it is thoroughly practicable from an engineering point of view, and that the only bar to beginning work immediately is the money necessary to finance the project — \$100,000,000.

Surrounded by a group of famous

New Masks for Peacetime Uses

Strange windowed helmets cut down casualties in industry, shielding workers' faces from glare, heat, and fumes



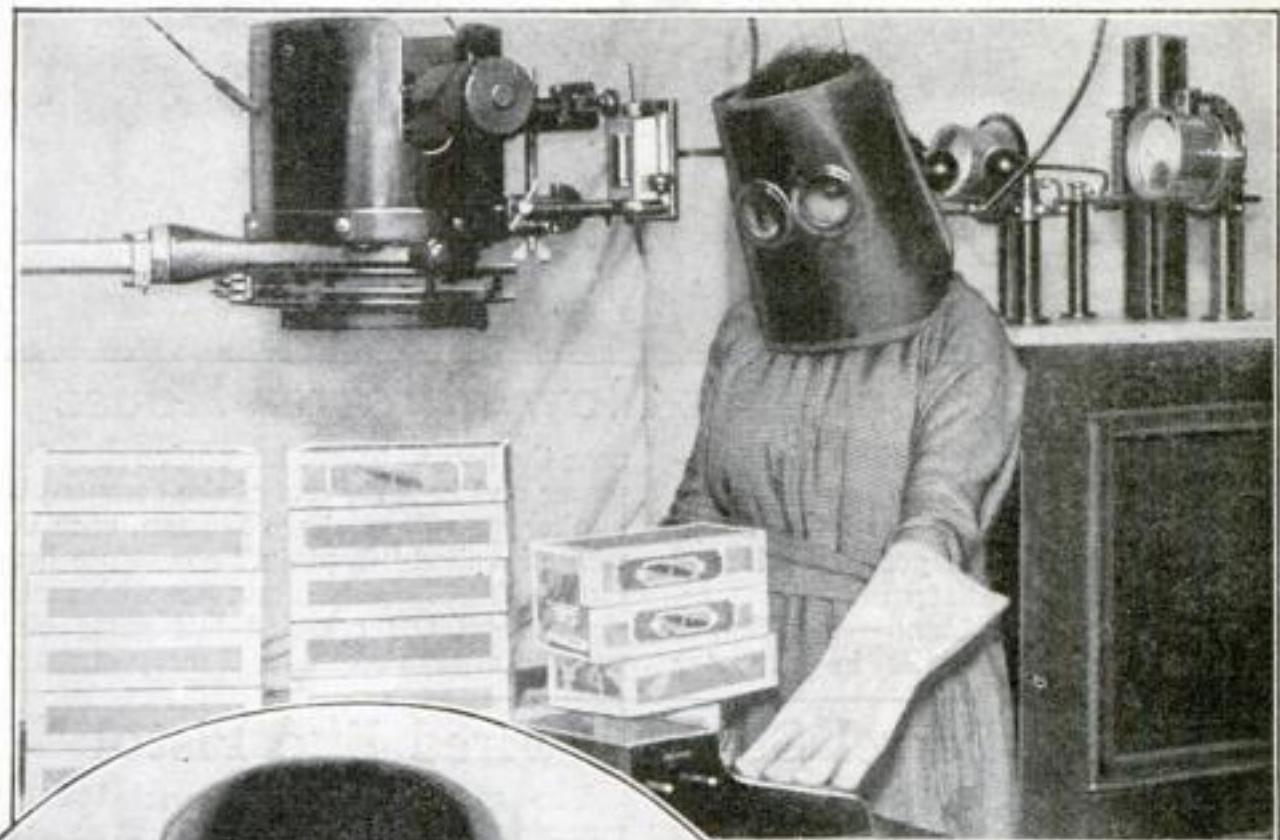
Improved helmet and face shield for firemen

The fact that 200,000 industrial accidents result in eye injuries in the United States each year indicates the need of masks, helmets, and goggles such as pictured here

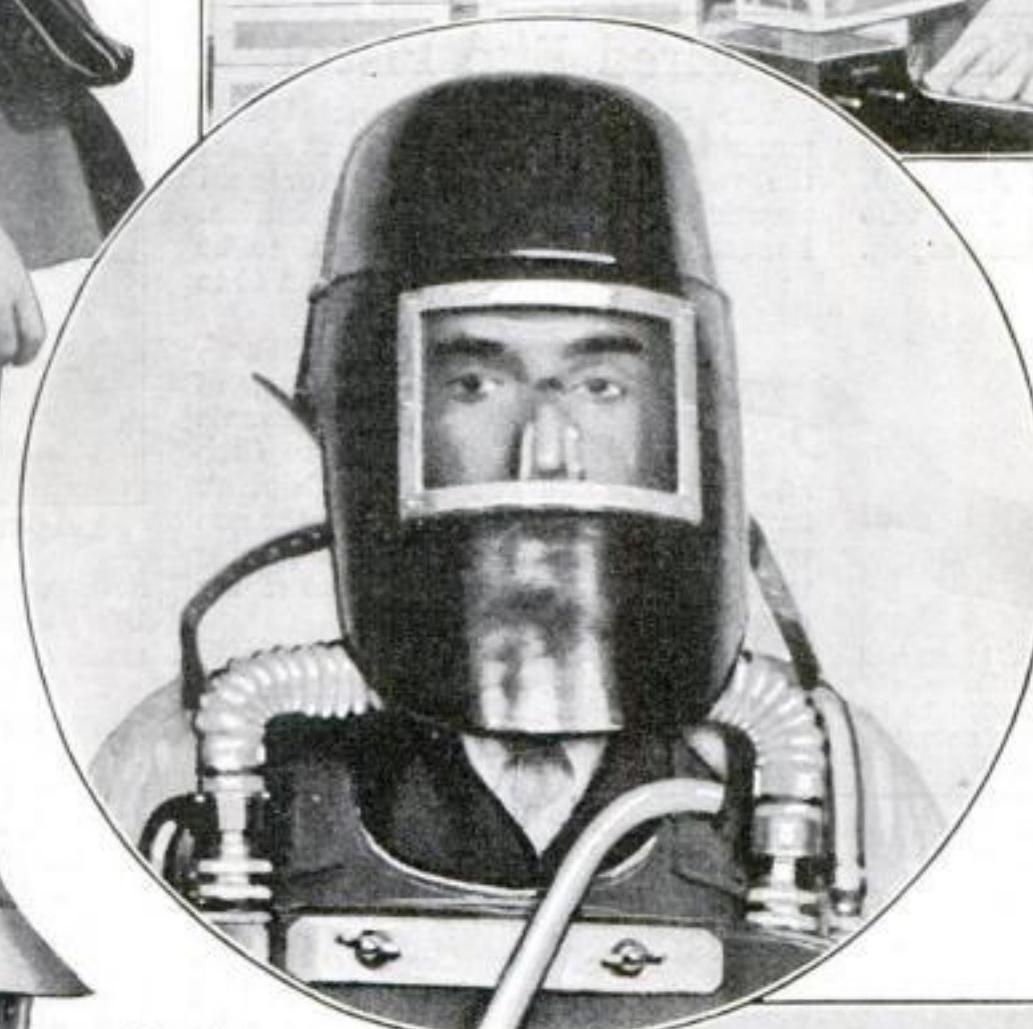


Above is an oxygen mask for mine rescue work. The rawhide helmet is fitted with a fire-proof mica panel

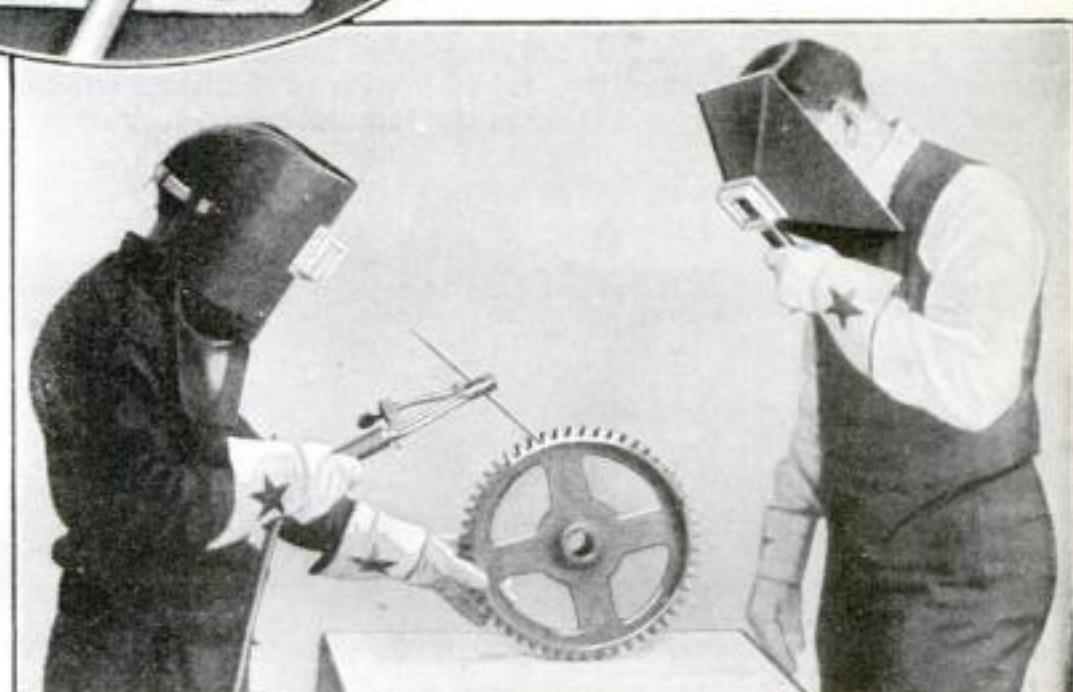
Protection of head and eyes from falling debris is given by the helmet worn by the man at left. This helmet, with gas mask, is designed especially for use in fighting fires



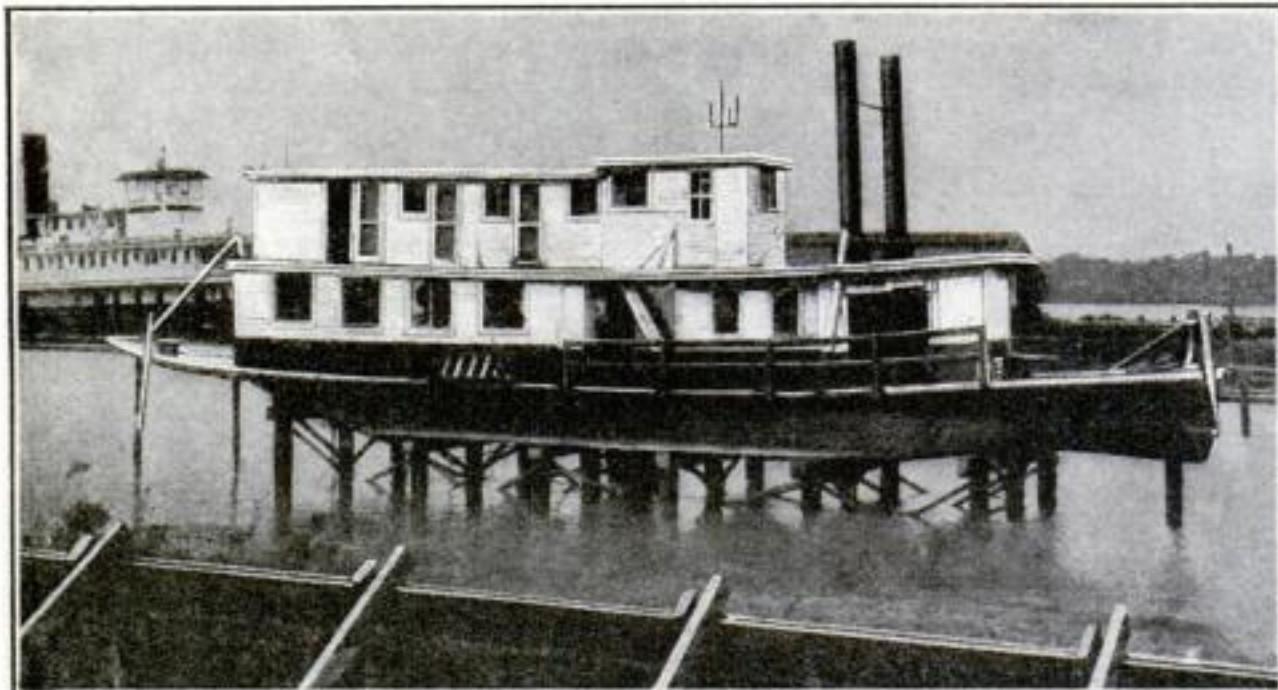
In exposing imported cigars to X-rays to rid them of the destructive cigar worm, the worker is protected by this odd headgear and by gloves



In sports, too, the eyes of players are being safeguarded. Here is a wire mask specially made for basketball players



The heat and glare of electric arc welding would be hazardous without face shields such as these. The welder's shield (left) and the inspection shield (right) contain colored glass windows



Old Mississippi Boat Now a Power House

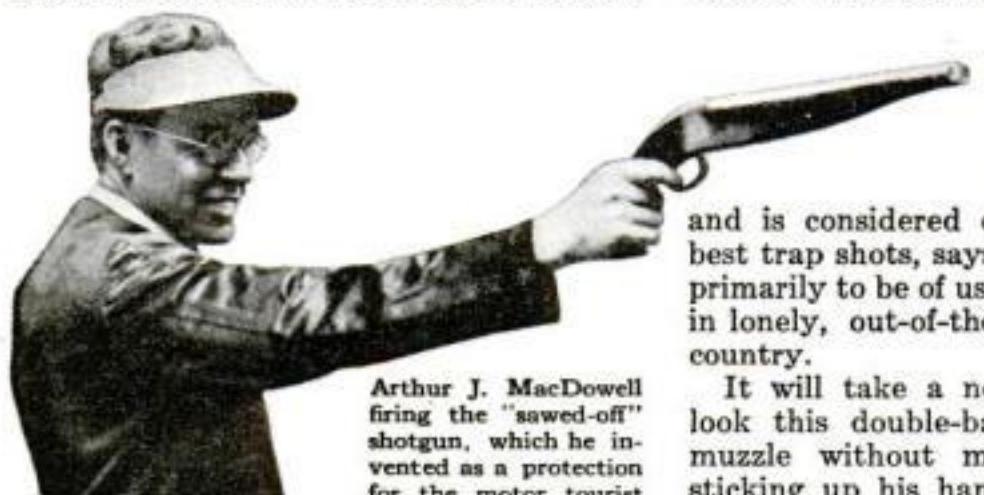
THE fighting heart of this old Mississippi steamboat—her engine—had valuable life in it after her worn body, aged by 30 strenuous years, no longer could battle the great stream.

So her owners, the Standard Oil Co., of Louisiana, put her on stilts in the water

near the bank. There her engine supplies power and heat for one of the company's bunkerage offices. Two firemen, each of whom is called "Captain," constitute her crew. Passing craft salute her with their sirens, and the crippled but game old veteran always sounds a throaty answer.

Double-Barrel Shotgun Fired like Pistol

WHAT is claimed to be the smallest 20-gage shotgun in the country is shown here in the hands of Arthur J. MacDowell, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is the designer of this odd-shaped weapon.



Arthur J. MacDowell firing the "sawed-off" shotgun, which he invented as a protection for the motor tourist

The gun is a double-barreled one, measuring 16½ inches over all. It shoots the regulation 20-gage shells for field shooting or clay target competition. Loaded with buckshot it is said to be deadly at from 40 to 60 yards.

Mr. MacDowell, who is secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad Gun Club

and is considered one of Philadelphia's best trap shots, says he designed the gun primarily to be of use to motorists touring in lonely, out-of-the-way sections of the country.

It will take a nervy highwayman to look this double-barreled pistol in the muzzle without making for cover or sticking up his hands.

Ontario Trapper Drives Team of Wolves

A TRAPPER of northern Ontario, Canada, Joe LaFlamme, recently succeeded in what is said to be the first attempt to tame and harness a team of timber wolves. He obtained the two wolves while they were young, raised them carefully, and finally tried them out,

at first securely muzzled. After several trials he removed the muzzles, and the wolves, sensing freedom, bit fiercely at the harness in order to break away. But LaFlamme, anticipating this, had substituted chains for leather, and after ineffectual biting, they submitted.



Joe LaFlamme, trapper, driving his team of real timber wolves across the snow in the wilds of northern Ontario

Invents Giant Camera for Long-Distance Photos

MANY times ground rules prevent camera men from getting pictures of the slide to second base, or the touchdown, which is the most thrilling play of the whole game. M. S. Walker, photographer for a big New York newspaper, was disappointed a few times, then made for himself a giant camera which, he says, will snap objects 300 feet away.

Measuring five feet long, this monster, which is said to be the largest practical



Long-distance camera and its inventor

newspaper camera in the world, weighs 100 pounds, despite the fact that it is made of aluminum.

The lens, the secret of the camera's power for bringing subjects at long distances up to the equivalent of 20 feet for smaller cameras, was manufactured in Germany. It is a copy of lenses used by German airmen during the war, long kept secret by them from the rest of the world.

It takes two men to manipulate the camera, which rests on a tripod made like a battleship's gun pivot and is capable of being revolved or moved up and down as necessity demands.

One-Arm Steeplejack Hangs on with His Teeth

CLINGING to spires and flagpoles high in the air is a job that takes more than ordinary courage at best, but Henry Wernsing, a steeplejack in Baltimore, Md., does it with only one arm.

When blood poisoning set in his left arm, necessitating its amputation, he wouldn't change his job, but went on filling his contracts. His right arm seems to have developed the strength of the missing member and with the aid of his strong teeth and jaws, Wernsing keeps on climbing.



The one-arm steeplejack at work

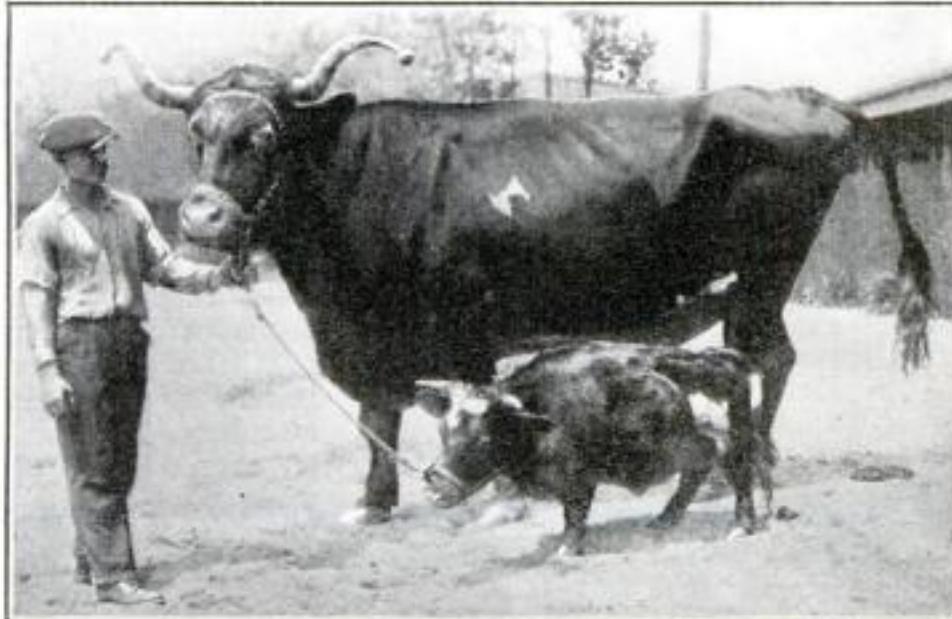
Light Colors Aid Growth

YOUNG animals, and presumably children as well, grow more rapidly in rooms with walls painted in light, cheerful colors than they do in dark-painted apartments. Such is the conclusion of Dr. H. A. Gardner, of the research laboratory of the Paint Manufacturers' Association, as the result of recent experiments with guinea pigs. His experiments showed that pale blue, white, and light tan were most conducive to rapid growth.

The World's Largest and Smallest Steers

WHAT are said to be the world's largest and smallest adult bovines met recently, and were photographed together.

The giant is reputed to be the world's largest steer. He is a full-blooded Texas longhorn, weighs 4200 pounds, and is six feet four inches high. The midget comes from a dairy strain and is only 24 inches high.



Giant steer more than six feet high, and midget only 24 inches



Guns 400 Years Old Look like Toys Now

THE past and present were put into startling contrast recently at Fort Hancock, New York, when Frank Lloyd, a motion-picture producer, set out three old-fashioned Spanish, English, and Corsair cannons of the sixteenth century.

When placed alongside some of the

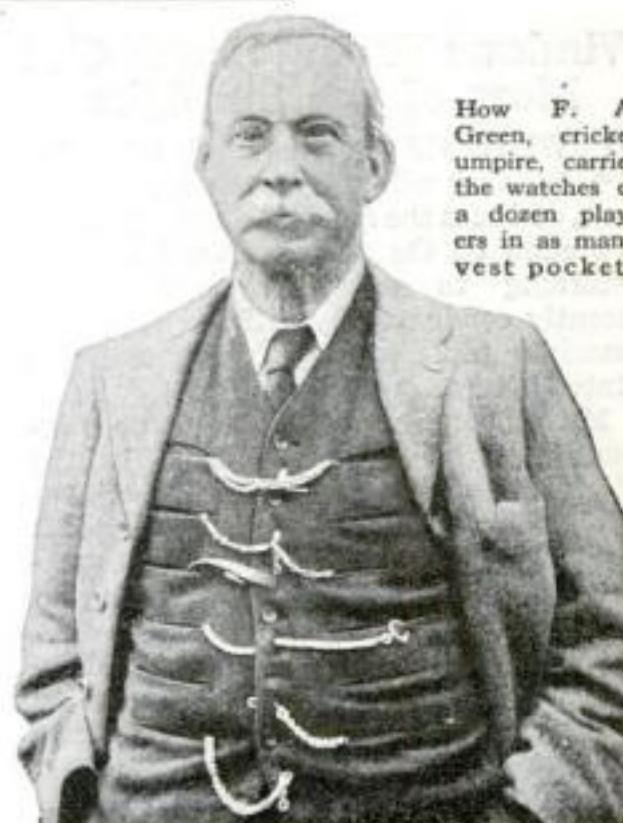
modern engines of warfare they looked like odd little toy cannon. The photograph shows a modern field piece and these old cannon side by side, the latter being muzzle-loaded by a boy dressed in the style of the period when these cannon were in vogue.

Rome to Have the World's Tallest Skyscraper

ITALY soon will have the tallest skyscraper in the world—more than 300 feet taller than the Woolworth Building in New York City—if a recently reported decision of Premier Mussolini is carried into effect. The huge structure will be built on plans drawn by the noted Italo-Argentine architect, Mario Palanti, who already has erected several colossal buildings in Buenos Aires.

Palanti proposes to erect in Rome a structure with 88 floors, 1100 feet high, with a frontage of 1000 feet. It would contain 4500 rooms, 100 large halls, a huge theater, a gymnasium for the training of Olympic athletes, and a concert hall. It would be the Roman community center. The general plan is in the form of a pyramid, with a massive base narrowing to a high central tower.

The Woolworth Building, at present the tallest in the world, has 51 stories and is 792 feet high.



How F. A. Green, cricket umpire, carries the watches of a dozen players in as many vest pockets

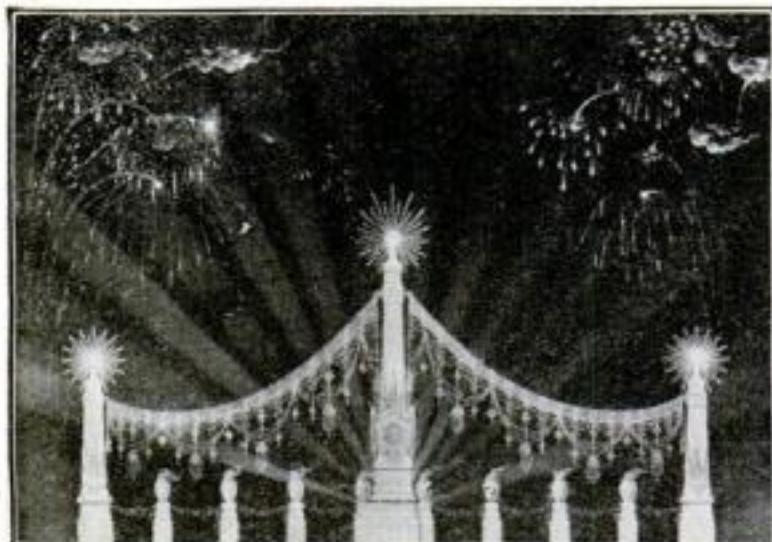
Cricket Umpire Carries a Vest Full of Watches

CRICKET is a popular sport in England. Carrying a watch is a necessity. But the two don't mix. Therefore, F. A. Green, a well known Lewisham cricket umpire, solved the difficulty and added to his popularity by having a special vest tailored with as many watch pockets as possible, as shown in the photograph. He calls it a "cricket waistcoat," and he can easily take charge of a dozen timepieces for the players whose games he umpires.

New Gasoline Substitutes

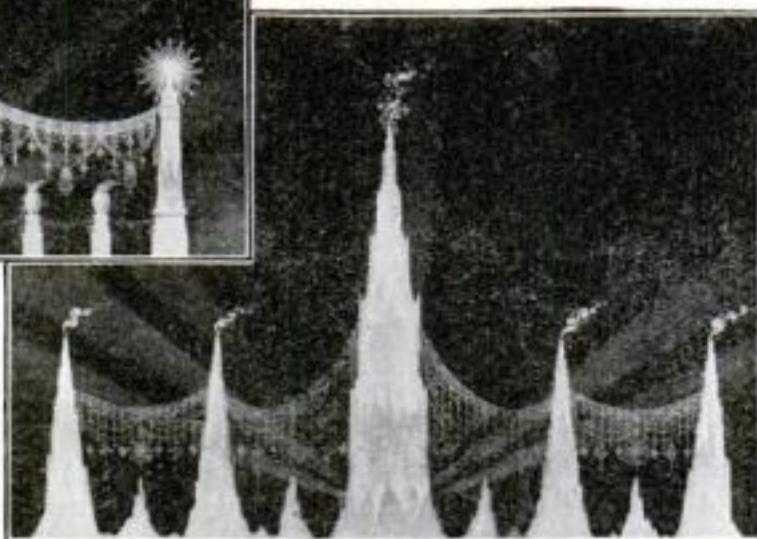
TWO new substitutes for gasoline recently have been developed by French chemists. In one, the composition is lignite coke and water, while the other is made from animal and vegetable fats heated with chloride of magnesium or sodium. The process is said to be simple.

Scientific Lighting Creates Spectacular Color Displays



THESE two dazzling night displays, representing crystal towers glistening with gems of many colors, were produced at recent state expositions by means of giant searchlights, playing their beams upon thousands of polished jewels. The display at the left was created at Brockton, Mass.; the one below at Syracuse, N. Y.

THE science of producing spectacular lighting effects attracted record crowds to two large Eastern expositions this year—the State Fair at Syracuse, N. Y., and the Agricultural Fair at Brockton, Mass. Features of each exposition were massive columns studded with jewels and adorned with festoons, colored smoke, and electrical fireworks, all painted in varying and beautiful colors by bat-



teries of giant searchlights using nearly a quarter of a billion candlepower in each instance of this modern decoration.

Thirty thousand hand-cut jewels were used. Attached to each jewel was a mirror, so that when the enormous searchlights played on these towers of colored crystal, the effect was most striking.

At the Syracuse Fair a mammoth artificial limestone cavern was built in front of the grandstand, having a length of 157 feet and a height of 90 feet at its highest point. The stalagmites that rise from the floors of such caves like enormous icicles were duplicated in great piles of jewels, the center one being 90 feet tall. All were covered with additional thousands of gems. Steam issued from their tops and colored lights played through this.

At the Brockton Fair was a jewel display 120 feet wide and 75 feet high, consisting of three large pillars crowned with sunbursts and fringes of jewels, supplemented by illuminated steam urns.

So that the thousands of people might hear a lecture on "Light and Color," by W. D. Ryan, director of the General Electric Company's illuminating engineering laboratory, a new type of hornless loudspeaker was used. This loudspeaker is said to be able to project the voice clearly for a quarter of a mile in any direction.

Windows Facing South Get Most of the Sunlight

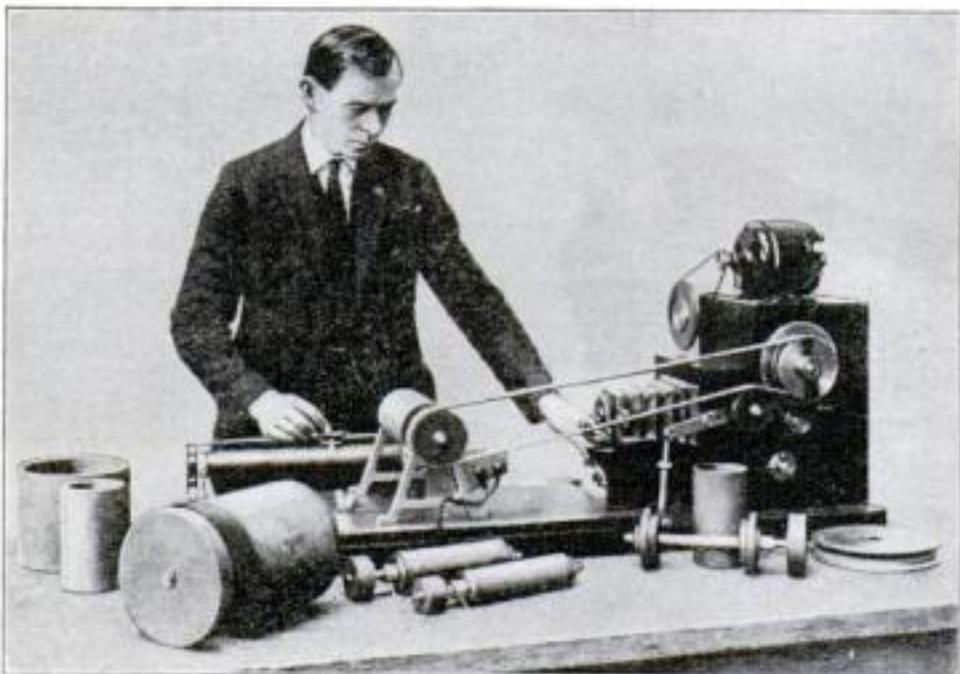
A WINDOW on the south side of a building will get, in the course of a year, 45 times the amount of sunlight that a window on the north side will receive, according to exhaustive experiments recently conducted by William Kunerth, associate professor of physics at Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.

Mr. Kunerth's experiment does not include daylight, only sunlight. While the north window is getting one unit of sunshine to 45 for the south window, the east window receives 27 units, and the southeast window gets 38 units, according to Mr. Kunerth's calculations.

When the sunshine strikes a window-glass at too sharp an angle, the sunshine is reflected and hence does not penetrate the room, to make it warmer.

New Camera Photographs Revolving Pipe

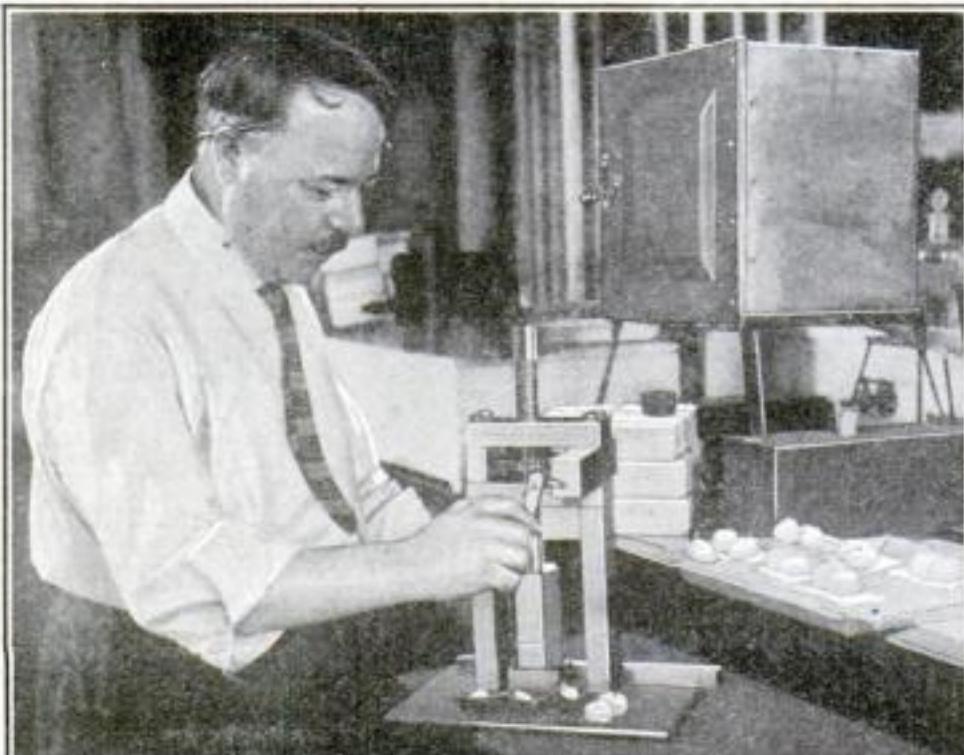
A NEWLY invented camera makes it possible to photograph the entire outer surface of a sample of pipe that has been exposed to corrosion under ground. The pipe is rotated on a cylinder that is synchronized with the camera so that the film moves automatically at the same rate. The photograph shows the entire pipe's circumference.



The Nation's Candy Tested in Laboratory

TO MAKE sure that the candy we eat is not injurious and that it complies with the pure food laws, hundreds of samples are tested every day in Uncle Sam's laboratory at Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Hamilton, known as the "candy man" of the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry, is shown at the right analyzing samples from boxes of candy that have been received from the factories.



Molasses Used as Fertilizer in Sugar Fields

MOLASSES is being used with remarkable results as a fertilizer for sugar-cane fields on the British island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Increases in yield of about nine tons an acre are recorded after molasses applications. The Colonial Department of Agriculture has made a close study of the experiments and has arrived at a tentative explanation.

When first applied, the molasses partly sterilizes the soil. The nitrification of the soil is suspended and nitrates already in the soil disappear.

When the effects of the molasses treatment wear off, nitrification is resumed at an enhanced rate, and apparently leads to an accumulation of nitrates at a time when they can be utilized best by the growing plant.

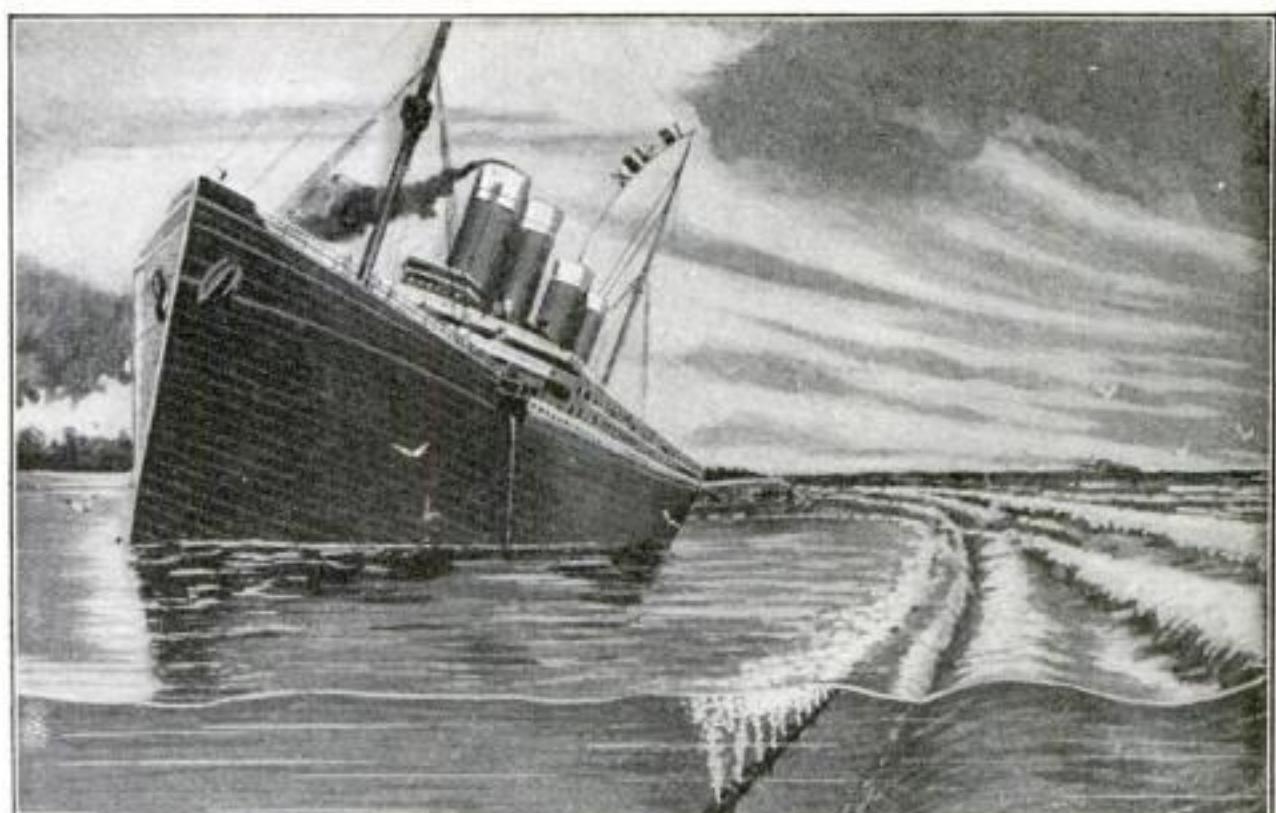
Ammonia and nitrates are said to have a marked tendency to revert to insoluble forms in the soil of the island.

Air Bubbles Employed to Form Breakwater

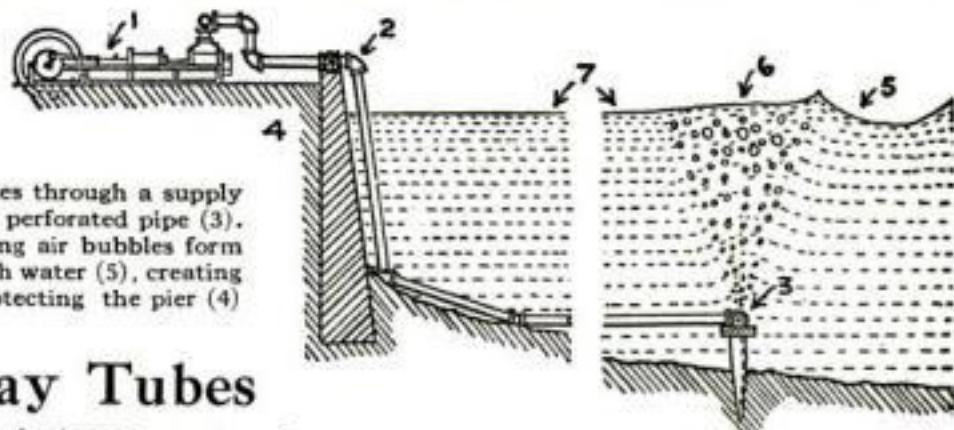
A NEW type of breakwater consisting of nothing more than air bubbles recently was devised for quieting even the highest waves of the sea. It is the invention of Philip Brasher, an American. One of the units is said to have been operated successfully at El Segundo, Calif., to protect a concrete pier.

The air breakwater consists of a perforated pipe that is laid along the sea bottom and connected with a land air-compressing station. In rough weather it is merely necessary to allow the compressed air to escape from the holes in the pipe, the air bubbles quickly rising to the surface. The wall of bubbles is said to break up the waves and retard their forward motion. When the water from a broken wave flows back to form a base for the next incoming wave, it finds no support and the next wave curls over and breaks.

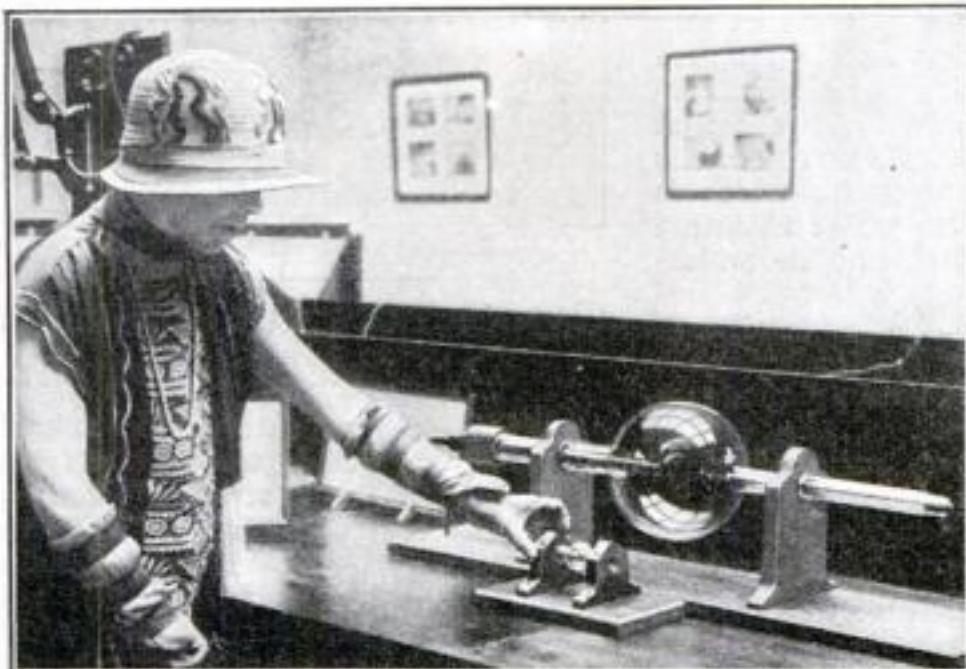
The repetition of this process is said to result in a smooth surface beyond the pipe line, no matter how rough the weather. A simple installation of the pipe system, the inventor says, is sufficient to provide a harbor of smooth water in exposed points around coasts that have caused trouble in the past.



The picture and diagram show how rising air bubbles are employed to break sea waves. From an air compressor (1) the air passes through a supply line (2) to a submerged perforated pipe (3). Ascending and expanding air bubbles form a barrier (6) to the rough water (5), creating a calm area (7) and protecting the pier (4).



World's Largest and Smallest X-Ray Tubes



THE largest and smallest X-ray tubes recently were placed on exhibition at the National Academy of Science in Washington, D. C. The largest is the most powerful tube ever developed, with 15 times the output of ordinary tubes. The small one is known as an oil immersed dental tube and has a capacity equal to the standard dental tube.

Ship Sails in Milky Sea off Coast of Peru

PLLOWING for miles through a milk-white sea was the unusual experience recently of the steamship *Trontolite* off the coast of Peru, as reported by Capt. A. G. Cameron to the Hydrographic Office of the U. S. Navy Department.

This unusual phenomenon occurred at night and, according to the Hydrographic Office, is accounted for by the presence in the water of myriads of tiny plants.

In the account of the voyages of the famous scientific ship *Challenger* is a reference to a similar experience, when the vessel "passed through water full of minute algae gleaming like particles of mica."

Millionth-Inch "Ghosts" Spoil Accuracy of

AFTER seven years of futile scientific investigation it was discovered recently that "ghosts" of a millionth of an inch in thickness were the cause of inaccuracies in Rowland's ruling machine at Johns Hopkins University.

This finely precisioned machine is one of the most wonderful in the world. It is used for ruling lines $1/30,000$ of an inch apart on a metal grating by means of a diamond point. The gratings are used in place of prisms for accurate spectrum analysis.

The "ghosts" were found to be spurious lines in the sun's spectrum, which is the band of color produced when a ray of sunlight passes through a glass prism or a grating.

The "ghosts" in the spectrum were in reality only the shadows of other lines. They made the user of the machine see things that didn't exist. It was found that

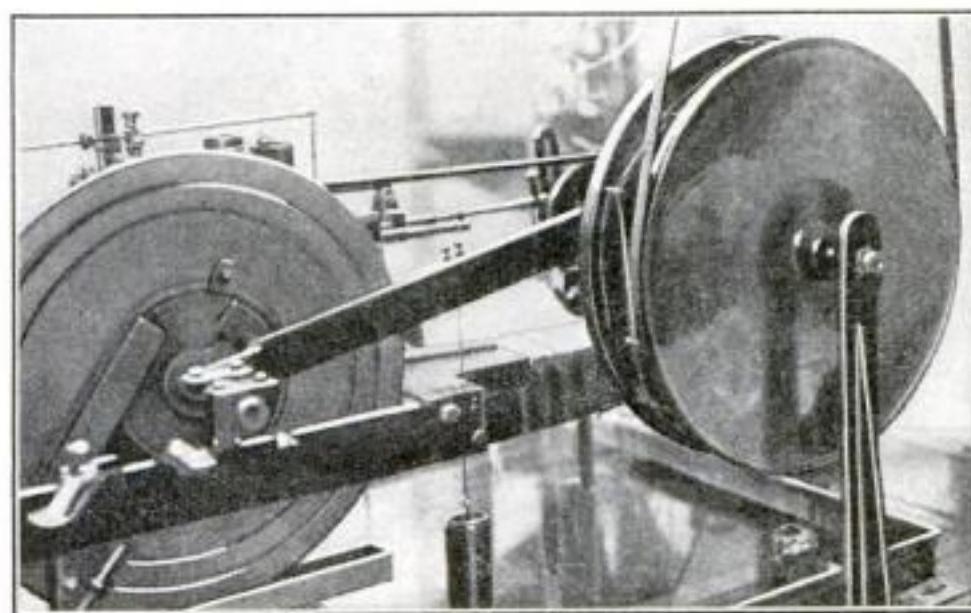
periodic vibrations of a millionth of an inch were enough to produce them and the heat of a human body in the same

Wonderful Machine

room also impaired the accuracy of the machine, which now is being used once more.

DISCOVERY of a successful method of eliminating the pain of childbirth without interfering with labor is claimed by Drs. Regina, Perlis, and Gleisz of Paris, France.

The new treatment consists of an injection of a drug said to produce a pleasant sleep lasting from three to five hours, after the manner of "twilight sleep."





Relay System of Pumps Subdues Forest Fires

WHEN the Canadian province of British Columbia was subjected last summer to a continual occurrence of forest fires until over 1000 had been reported, the Parks Commissioner, James B. Harkin, devised a system of water pumps operated in relays that, more than any other agency, assisted the fire-fighters in checking the flames. So successful is the system that the apparatus has been adopted by the entire forestry service, by the railways running through the wooded country, and by lumber companies.

The system comprises a series of rotary pumps, each driven by a gas engine connected directly with the pump and mounted on an aluminum base. The engine is a two-cylinder type with an energy output of from four to five horsepower and equipped with a magneto. Each unit has sufficient power to draw a supply of water through 1500 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose and to lift it to an elevation of 85 feet with a discharge of 25 gallons a minute. The whole outfit weighs only 360 pounds.

SCIENCE should find a way to make wood and corn husks palatable, and so safeguard against possible future food shortage, according to the statement of Dr. Fritz Haber, of Berlin, Germany.



"Dressing-Chair" for Men Aids Neatness and Speed

THE alarm-clock fails to go off and you wake just 20 minutes before you are due at the office. It is then that you appreciate the work of the designer who has patented a dressing-chair for men, in which there is a proper place for every article of a man's clothing.

It looks like an ordinary chair, but in its back it can hold a man's coat and shirt without wrinkling them. Trousers are placed on the swinging roller just below the top piece of the back; shoes on the side shelves beneath the seat. There is a handy adjustable footrest, which is pulled out in front, in which there are compartments for a shoebrush and whisk-broom.

Your collar, tie, and other small articles find a place in a drawer under the chair seat. This drawer is used for pajamas in the daytime.

A man may undress completely and place every article of his clothing in its proper place without rising from the chair. It costs little more than a plain, straight-backed chair, in spite of its very ingenious design.



The footrest holds the shoebrushes

Removable Hairbrush Is Easily Cleaned

IN CLEANING a hairbrush, usually it is difficult to reach the bottom of the bristles without discoloring handle and back. Here is a brush the bristles of which are set on a detachable pad, which can be slipped out of the back and sterilized in boiling water, if desired.

An additional feature of the brush is the rounded ends of the bristles, which are said to be especially soothing and stimulating to the scalp. The bristles are set in pads in several degrees of flexibility.



Bristles slide off brush back

Coyote Becomes a Menace to Northwestern Farmers

AMONG the predatory wild animals that the Washington State Department of Agriculture is striving to destroy, or at least control, the coyote offers the most serious problem. Notwithstanding a ceaseless campaign against this wily marauder of farm poultry, small pigs, and lambs, as well as countless numbers of game birds, the coyote is increasing and extending his hunting grounds closer and closer to human settlements.

Within the city limits of Seattle, Judge John B. Wright recently clubbed a coyote to death on the road to his court. Coyotes have migrated into the vicinity of Bellingham, Everett, and Aberdeen, localities where their melancholy yodeling had never before been heard. The total damage from the pilfering of these night raiders is said to be enormous.

State Predatory Inspector, Glenn H. Bach, is just now investigating the causes of the rapid spread of the coyote pest. First, he says, is a plentiful food supply; second, the excellent cover provided for the rapid breeding of the wild dogs by the thickly growing cedar, fir, and hemlock covering the hills of the Northwest; third, few state and federal hunters in the Northwestern states.

Next to injurious insects and plant diseases, the coyote is the worst pest now confronting farmers of the Northwest.

Giving the Iceman a Free Hand to Work With

BY COMBINING both handles of an ice-tongs in one, this new tool is easily opened or closed, and can be operated with one hand, according to the designer. It does away with the necessity of opening the tongs before preparing to lift an object.

The tong is made of alloy steel, well tempered, and may be used not only for handling ice, but also for lifting and lowering boxes, nail kegs, or any hard and heavy article.



Ice-tongs handle is made in one piece

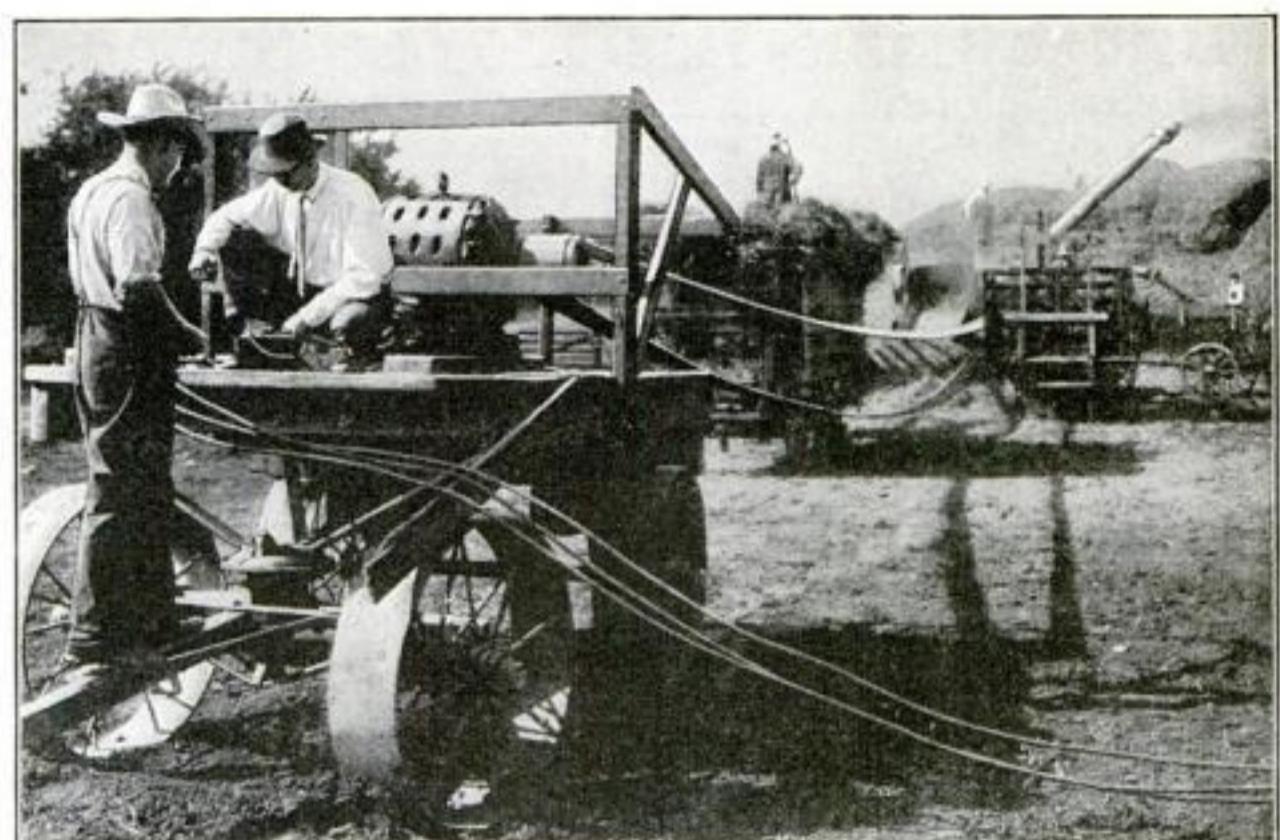
ELEVEN varieties of chestnuts secured from China are now under cultivation by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is hoped to secure from these at least one type that will resist the blight that has ruined so much of the United States' chestnut crop. The trees are yet in the seedling stage.

Among them is one which, in Yunnan, produces nuts nearly twice the size of the common American variety. This tree is described as suitable for orchard culture. It grows wild at an altitude of about 8000 feet.

New Spring Will Renew Old Upholstered Chairs

UPHOLSTERED chairs, ready for the junkman because of their sunken seats, may be renovated by attaching a new and inexpensive spring brace introduced recently. It is put on from underneath without disturbing the upholstery, as shown in the illustration at the right, and is said to make the spring seat as plump and firm as ever it was.

Clips are used to fasten the coils to the sides of the chair. If the seat is sagging extremely, it is better, before attaching the spring, to put a little cotton or folded cloth under the seat and, over this filling, place a layer or two of cardboard or corrugated paper.



Motor set-up, showing power lines running from the farm, for threshing by electricity

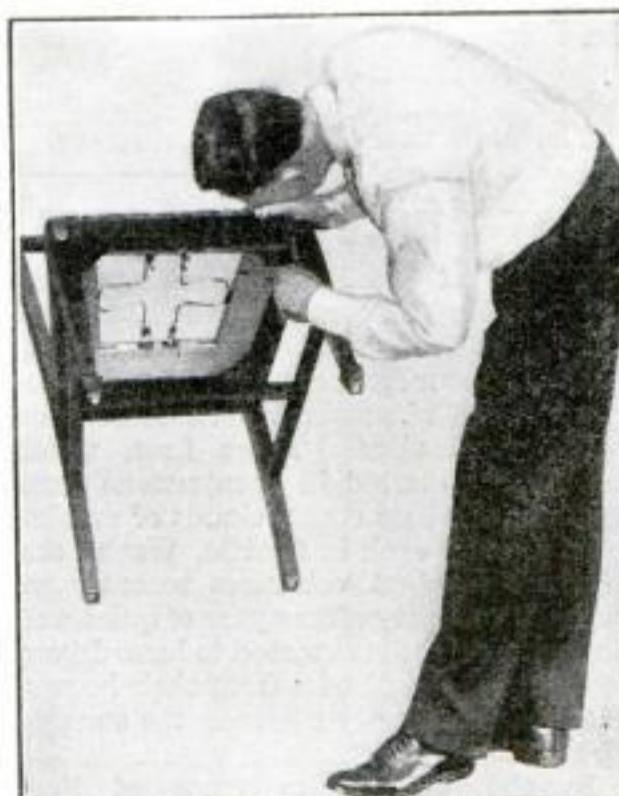
Threshing Grain by Motor Saves Time and Labor

THE first instance of threshing grain by electricity was on the farm of Eugene Funk near Shirley, Ill., and is said to be a great success. A 40-horsepower electric motor is substituted for the usual tractor for running the separator. The motor is mounted on a truck, and power lines are run from the farm.

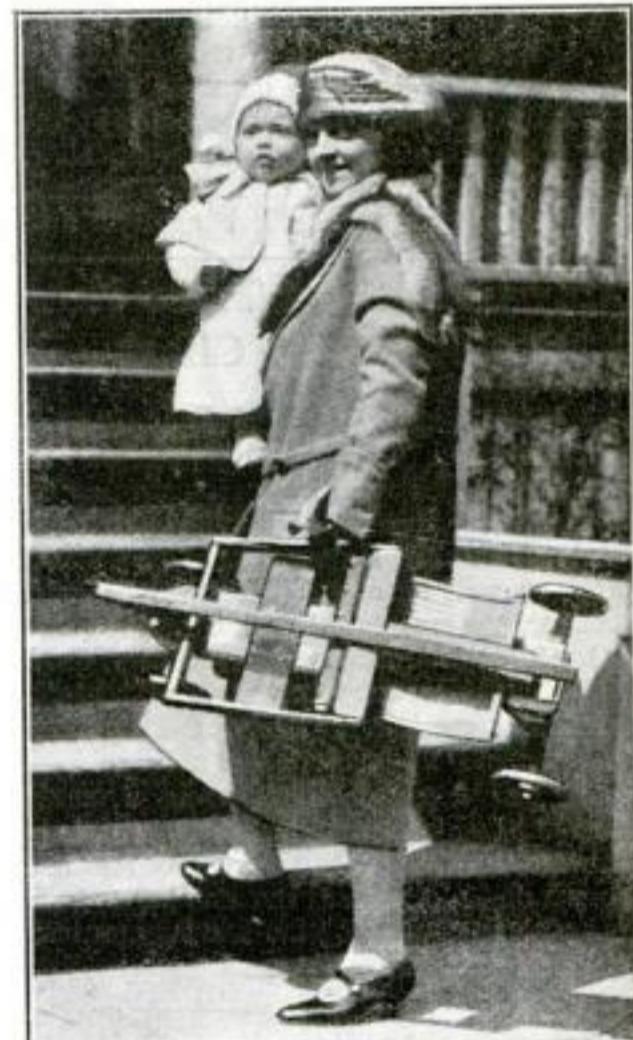
The first day the electric motor turned out 133 bushels an hour at a current cost of \$2 an hour. The installation, including motor, transformer, switch, master wires, meter, etc., cost \$1200, about one third that of the traction engine, and half the price of a high-powered gasoline tractor, that is frequently used on farms.

The man in charge of the separator also operates the motor, thus saving the price of a driver.

It is said the daily cost of operation, minus labor, is about the same as that for engine or tractor, but danger from fire is lessened and the trouble of hauling fuel and water is entirely done away with, thus releasing men for other work.



Spring inserted without removing upholstery



One Movement Opens This Folding Baby-Carriage

SMALL size, light weight, ease of folding, and general convenience are the features claimed by the makers for this collapsible baby carrier, which rolls along on three wheels or may be folded quickly and carried under the arm.

The carriage is made of light, tough wood and the wheels are equipped with rubber tires so that it may be used indoors without injury to the floors of a house. It turns in its own length and has a canvas seat resembling a hammock, which affords the child comfortable and easy riding. The weight of this new car is only 6½ pounds and one operation folds or opens it.

For those living in apartment houses in large cities, where there is no convenience for baby carriages, this folding car is a boon.

Bridge Cable Has 186,666 Strands



THIS six-foot section of wire cable is a sample of that to be used in constructing the huge Delaware bridge running from Philadelphia to Camden, N. J. The cable is composed of 186,666 strands of wire bound with steel clamps and

measures about three feet in diameter.

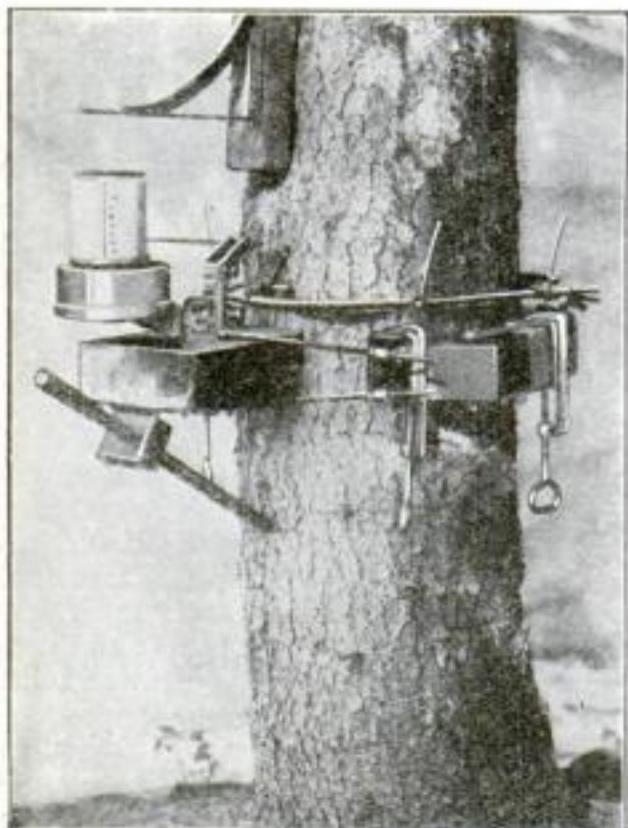
Each foot of the cable weighs several hundred pounds. A power derrick was required to move this six-foot section when it was placed on exhibition at the Philadelphia City Hall.

Daily Growth of Trees Now Recorded on Chart

A NEW instrument, known as a "dendrograph," makes it possible to measure the growth of a tree from day to day. It is adjusted so that it encircles the tree trunk. Expansion of the tree's girth, as well as contraction due to cold weather, are registered on a chart.

One of the instruments recently used by the U. S. Forestry Service at Flagstaff, Ariz., in experiments on Western yellow pine showed no growth on a large tree during 16 days of May, while a small tree recorded growth after the second day. During the summer the large tree showed growth on 88 days, and the smaller on 117.

It was shown that pine has its greatest growth in June.



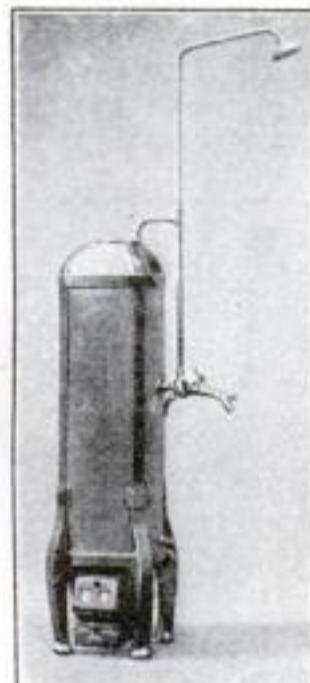
Apparatus for measuring a tree's growth

Small Heater for Shower Bath Saves Fuel

BECAUSE of the great scarcity of coal in Germany, hot water has become a luxury. Homes and apartment houses generally have a "hot-water day" once a week for bathing purposes.

In order to make this operation as economical as possible, a German concern is marketing an individual shower heater which is said to supply a sufficient quantity of hot water for a bath from a very small amount of coal in a comparatively short time.

This heater consists of a small special firebox built directly underneath a small water boiler. To this is attached a shower spray and faucet. It is portable and easy to use it is claimed.



Individual heater for the shower bath saves time and fuel

Outdoor Sleeping Robe Replaces Blankets

A CHAMOIS interlined back, a high neckband and a hood cape are features of a new sleeping garment designed not only for use by campers, hunters, and tourists, but for persons who prefer to sleep outdoors on sleeping porches all the year around.

The loosely fitting robe is worn over the usual night clothes, and is said to take the place of blankets, and to require one third less bed-covers. An extra length of the garment, which extends below the feet, is closed by a draw cord. The hood is detachable.

The high neck-

band and hood cape are said to prevent colds, neuralgia, and similar troubles caused by exposure of the sensitive nerves at the back of the neck and often complained of by outdoor sleepers.



Substituting for blankets, the sleeping robe provides warmth

Sawdust "Volcanoes" Become Smoke Pests

CITIES of the Pacific Northwest are searching for some way to put an end to a "smoke nuisance" of an unusual kind, resulting from frequent fires in the enormous heaps of sawdust accumulated on old sawmill sites. These fires, which usually are started in spontaneous combustion, send up dense clouds of smoke.

At Leschi Beach in Seattle, Wash., one of these sawdust volcanoes recently renewed its activity after a year of quiet, and its heavy smoke is reported to have driven residents of the district from their homes. City firemen finally subdued the smudge by soaking the crater with water.

In the Washington town of Port Angeles a sawdust pile has smoldered for

20 years, now and then bursting forth in flame and billows of black smoke. At Everett, in the heart of the lumber district, a pile of mill refuse covering an area of 10 acres is a source of constant menace. It has been burning within for 10 years. To remove the pile would require a vast amount of money.

One plan of removal considered by the Seattle city council is the use of hydraulic machinery to loosen and wash away the piles of sawdust refuse into Elliott Bay, an arm of Puget Sound.

Thus far no practical use has been found for old sawdust. The few factories requiring this material demand clean, fresh refuse direct from the mills.

Open Windows Locked by Simple Spring Stop

WINDOWS can be left partly open for ventilation at night without fear of the entrance of burglars, it is claimed, by the use of a new automatic window lock consisting of a simple lever-and-spring stop that binds the two window-sashes together, whatever position they may be in. This it does so securely, it is claimed, that a man can stand on the top sash without forcing the locked window down to the sill.

The device, fastened with screws to the top of the lower sash, exerts pressure against the upper sash through a lever tipped with a corrugated face. The lock is released by finger pressure on a catch. The locking device will not disfigure a window, it is claimed.

Pocket Charcoal Heater Warms Cold Hands

ONE of the newest inventions for winter comfort is a small hand warmer consisting of a hollow cylinder

of fiber. A small pencil of heated charcoal is inserted through one end. The device will keep warm, it is claimed, for a period of two hours.

To apply the heat to other parts of the body, a wire handle fits into the metal ends and allows the heater to be used as a roller, offering relief, it is claimed, from local aches or pains.

The warmer is small enough for a man to carry it in one of his pockets in cold weather.



The pocket hand warmer, showing also the charcoal heating unit

Speedy Water Buses Will Ply the Thames

THE use of the Thames River in England as a town highway soon will be revived after a lapse of 100 years, according to recent reports from London. By next Easter, it is announced, a fleet of speedy and luxurious motor boats will be running on regular schedules between Hammersmith in southwest London, and Woolwich in southeast London, a distance by water of about 17 miles. It is expected they will relieve some of the congestion of crowded London thoroughfares.

Twenty-five boats will be used, running at 15-minute intervals. Each boat will be 100 feet long and capable of carrying 300 passengers. The boats will be fitted with luxurious conveniences, including writing-

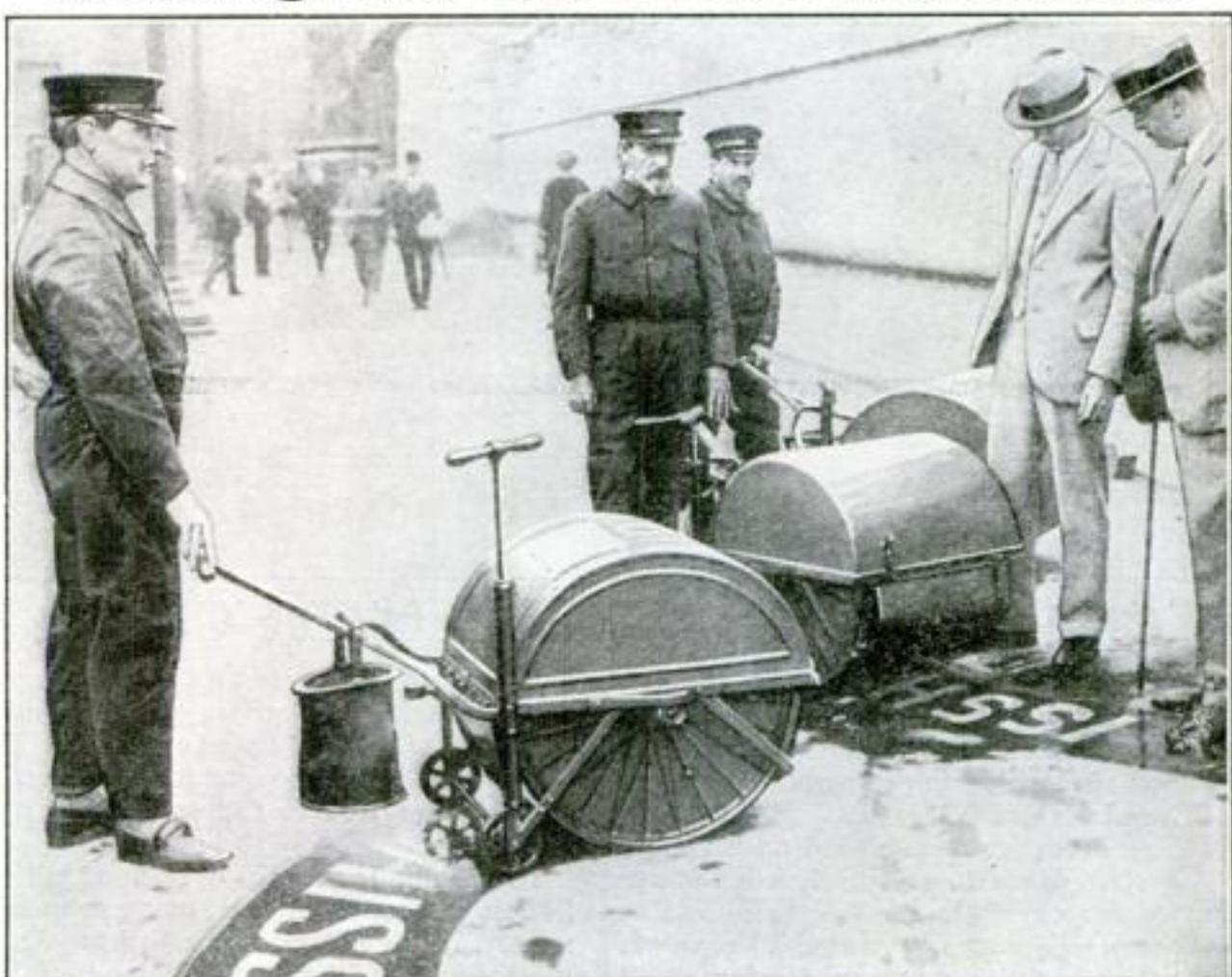
rooms, salons, promenade decks, and restaurants. It is estimated that they will be able to make at least nine miles an hour against the tide.

Since their draft will be only three feet nine inches, and since the landing places will be built well out into the river, the speedy boats will be able to ply in any state of the tide.

Between Hammersmith and Woolwich there will be 25 stations, 12 of which now are ready for use.

NINETEEN power projects are possible on the Arkansas River in Colorado, with a total potential power of 29,000 horsepower for 90 per cent of the time.

Printing Sidewalk Advertisements



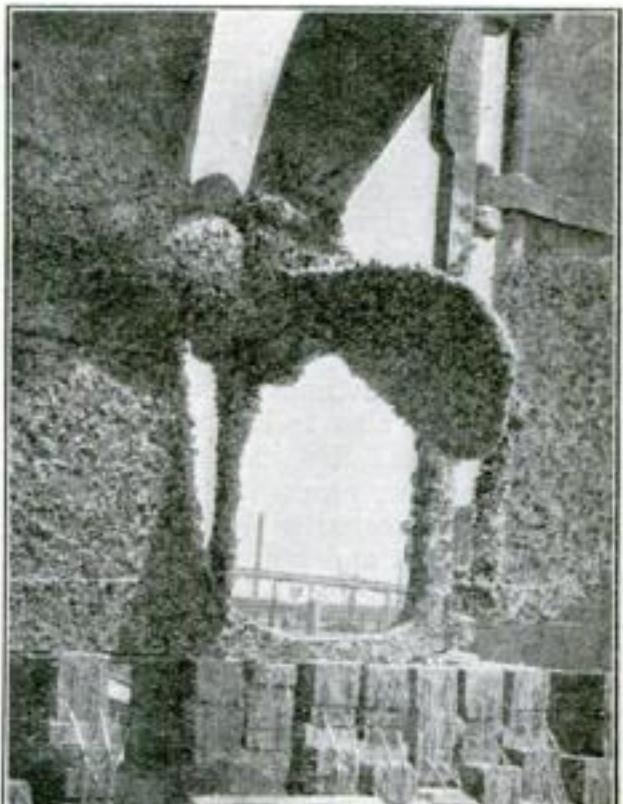
THE latest advertising scheme comes from France in the form of a sidewalk printing machine. The photograph shows

two Americans taking a lesson in sidewalk advertising in the Place de la Concorde, Paris, France.

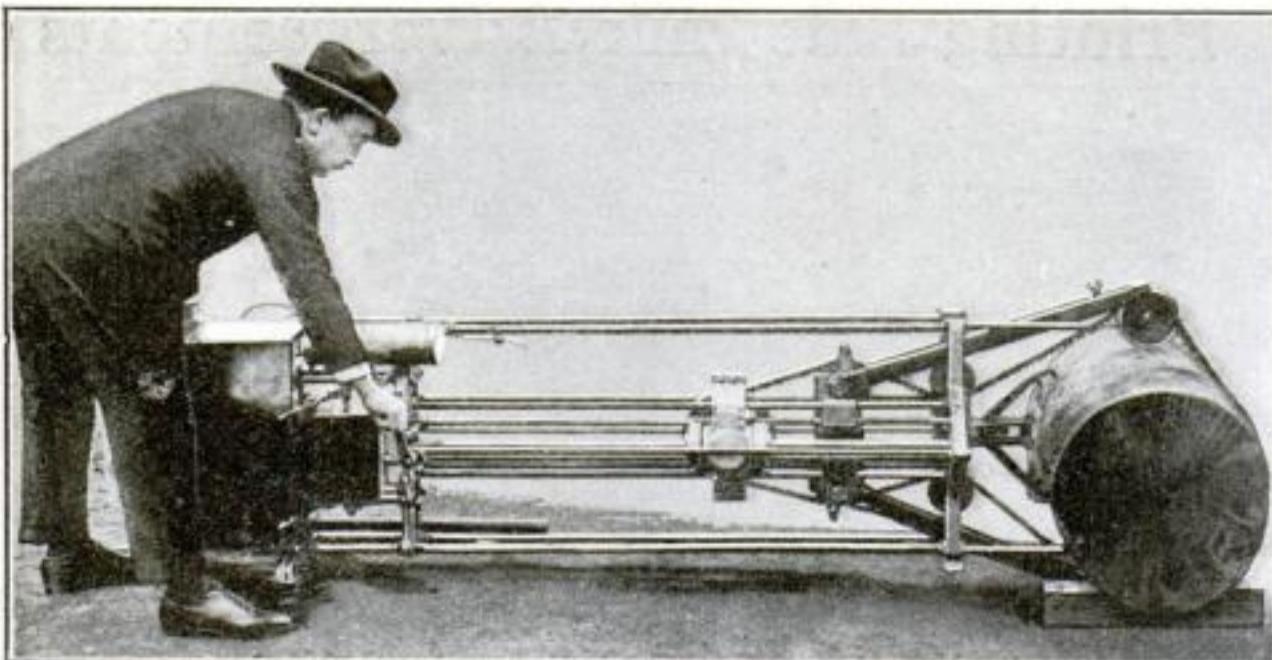
The machine consists of a revolving cylinder on which large type has been set to spell out the desired words. The type is "inked" with a specially prepared paint in the desired colors. The machine then is rolled over the sidewalk, leaving an advertising sign displayed.

Fighting Barnacle Pests with Colored Paints

THE fouling of the bottoms of ships by barnacles may be greatly lessened as the result of recent experiments with bottom paint by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. It was discovered that barnacles collect in large numbers only on blue and black plates, and that white, yellow, red, and green plates are practically free from them.



A ship propeller fouled with barnacles



Chain Saw Speeds Work of Tree-Cutting

AMazing cutting speed is claimed for a new chain saw invented in France for cutting trees. The cutting apparatus is in the form of a sprocket chain driven by a gasoline engine.

The sprocket is mounted on a frame. A system of worm gearing forces the apparatus away from the tree being cut as the saw works its way through the wood, thus maintaining an equal tension at all times and insuring smooth operation.

The saw is arranged so that it will cut at any angle. The chain, it is claimed, will not get hot or jam when the tree begins to fall. The deep cut it makes is said to force the tree to fall away from the machine.

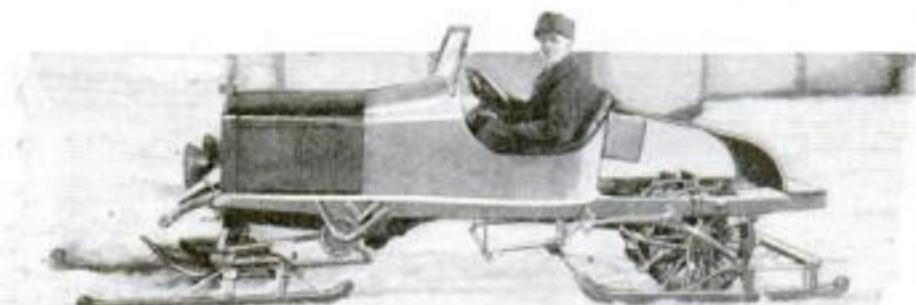
In action, the chain travels at about 20 feet a second. A hard oak tree nearly a yard in diameter is said to have been cut through in from two to three minutes by the use of this chain saw.

He Turned His Automobile into a Sleigh

NOT to be denied the joys of sleigh-riding, Albert Horrocks, of Wilton, Me., transformed his small automobile into the ingenious motor-driven sled pictured below. In place of the wheels he substituted four heavy runners attached to the automobile chassis through springs.

For propulsion he constructed two paddle wheels revolving on a shaft between the two rear runners. These wheels were fitted with strips of metal arranged in zigzag fashion to bite into the snow and provide traction. They are driven, of course, by the automobile engine through crankshaft and gearing.

Two small skis set above the front runners aid in preventing the car from being stalled in snowdrifts. The designer claims his machine can be driven over ice as well as snow.



Paddle wheels at the rear drive this motorized sleigh

Gilded Goggles to Save Workers' Eyesight

GOOGLES of gilded glass, consisting of yellow glass with a coating of gold, recently have been invented by Dr. A. H. Pfund, associate professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University, to protect the eyes of workmen who are exposed to the intense glare and heat from furnaces. The glass is said also to be useful as a safeguard against fire in the handling of motion-picture films.

The gold-coated glass is said to eliminate the heat and glare from light, while permitting sufficient illumination for clear vision. The gold passes the light waves on to the eyes, but casts off the heat waves and ultra-violet rays.

As applied to motion pictures, the invention makes it possible to stop a film that is being run off and to examine an individual picture closely without danger of the film's catching fire.

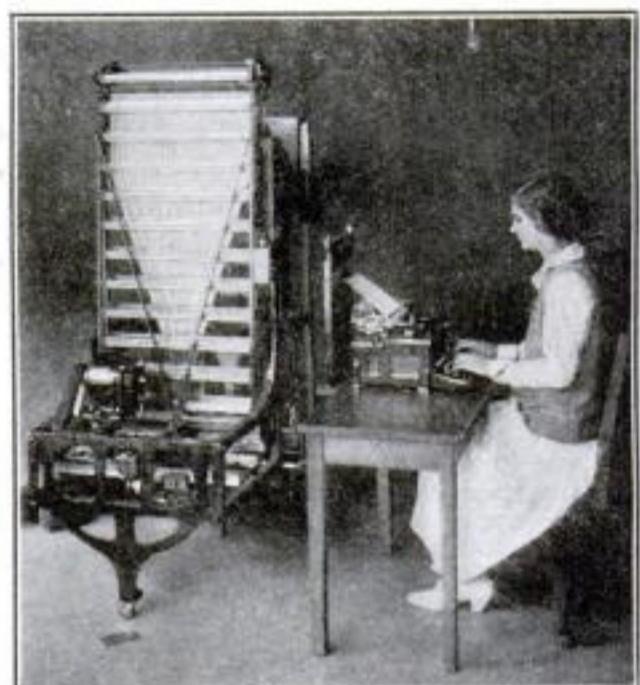
Sled Trailer Aids in Winter Log Hauling

THIS easily made sled trailer enables a truck to transport an unusually large and heavy load over winter roads. It was built by a Minnesota lumberman who

Stenographer Sets Type with New Machine

A TYPE-SETTING machine that is operated directly from the keyboard of any standard typewriter has been designed especially for use in getting out printed form letters and in the production of books. Thus a stenographer, in writing a letter, sets the type simultaneously. Her typewritten page serves as the proof of the type in the form.

The setting machine is operated by the typewriter keyboard through electrical connections. It is designed so that it distributes used type automatically—an



Setting type with typewriter keyboard

operation that is entirely independent of the type-setting.

The first of the machines are being used successfully, it is said, in a letter-duplicating service shop at Dayton, Ohio.

Barriers to Halt Locusts

TO STOP the ravages of locusts in the agricultural regions of northern Argentina, 39,000 tons of galvanized steel sheets, valued at \$5,000,000, will be used as barriers.

In front of the sheet-steel barriers the farmers will dig ditches in which, it is expected, the marching locusts will accumulate and be destroyed.

Winter Log Hauling

refused to allow snow-covered roads to interfere with his hauling.

The truck and sled shown carry a 10-ton load of 70 20-foot logs.



Hauling logs over the snow in Minnesota with the aid of a sled trailer, which will carry 10 tons

Three Persons Ride on Tandem Bicycle

A GERMAN inventor has come out with a new form of tandem bicycle that carries an extra person on a platform between the two machines. The contrivance, called a "combi-bicycle," consists of two bicycles attached in parallel, with a platform and seat suspended between them. This platform is slung from a light frame connecting the two bicycles.

The pedaling is done by both riders, and the front wheels are connected in tandem so that if the machine is operated by only one driver the steering may be



Tandem bicycle riders with a passenger

done as if there were only one wheel.

This strange contrivance is shown before the famous Brandenburg gate in the city of Berlin.

New Electric "Matches" for the Motorist

TWO new types of "electric match" for the motorist who smokes while he drives, are shown below.

One model is detachable, with the lighting instrument on a cord that reels



Above is a stationary cigar lighter on the instrument board. At the right is a lighter attached to a lengthy cord that is unwound from a reel



Highways Repaired by Electric Machines

A NEW type of electric power machine for road-repair work recently has been put to use in France. It is mounted on a two-wheel carriage and pushed like a wheelbarrow. An electric drill bores

holes in the road to be broken up, then a forklike arrangement digs away the cement.

Power is obtained either from a portable dynamo or from electric trolley wires.

Wheelbarrow and Cart Combined

FOR use on farms, or wherever heavy and bulky objects, such as milkcans, are transported by hand, a new double-duty wheelbarrow has been designed so that it can be used either as an ordinary barrow or as a small, underslung cart.

The height of a wheelbarrow causes unnecessary labor in lifting heavy milkcans into it. For this reason the new device is arranged so that it can be converted into a low cart simply by turning it upside down. This is accomplished by means of a movable bottom that can be attached readily at either of two opposite sides of the wheelbarrow frame.

The wheelbarrow converted into a low, underslung milkcart. This is done simply by turning the wheelbarrow upside down and transferring the movable bottom from one side of the frame to the other



Science Learns how Plants Manufacture Sugar

SCIENCE at last has succeeded in making sugar in a way similar to that in which the green leaves of plants have been yielding it for countless ages.

The discovery of the process was made by Dr. E. O. O. Baly, senior professor of chemistry in the University of Liverpool, England. In a recent demonstration before a meeting of the sugar chemistry division of the American Chemical Society, he described the methods by which science can imitate the intricate processes of plants in converting the carbon dioxide from the air and water from the ground into sugars and proteins.

Doctor Baly worked on the theory that the chemical reactions in plants are due to the absorption of quantities of energy from the sun's rays, and that the first reaction is the uniting of carbon dioxide and water to form formaldehyde.

By exposing carbon dioxide and water to the intensely active ultra-violet light from a quartz-mercury vapor light, he was able to form slight traces of formaldehyde. He discovered, too, that the formaldehyde immediately formed sugar. The reactions, he pointed out, require tremendous amounts of energy.



Last Scrap of a Battleship

AT THE right, workmen are shown removing the last remnant of a great ship that never even reached the water—the last steel beam to be cut from what remained of the battleship *South Dakota*, scrapped by Uncle Sam. This and a sister ship, the *Indiana*, now would be the latest additions to our battle fleet, if, in the course of construction, they had not been doomed, in accordance with the Washington Disarmament Conference.

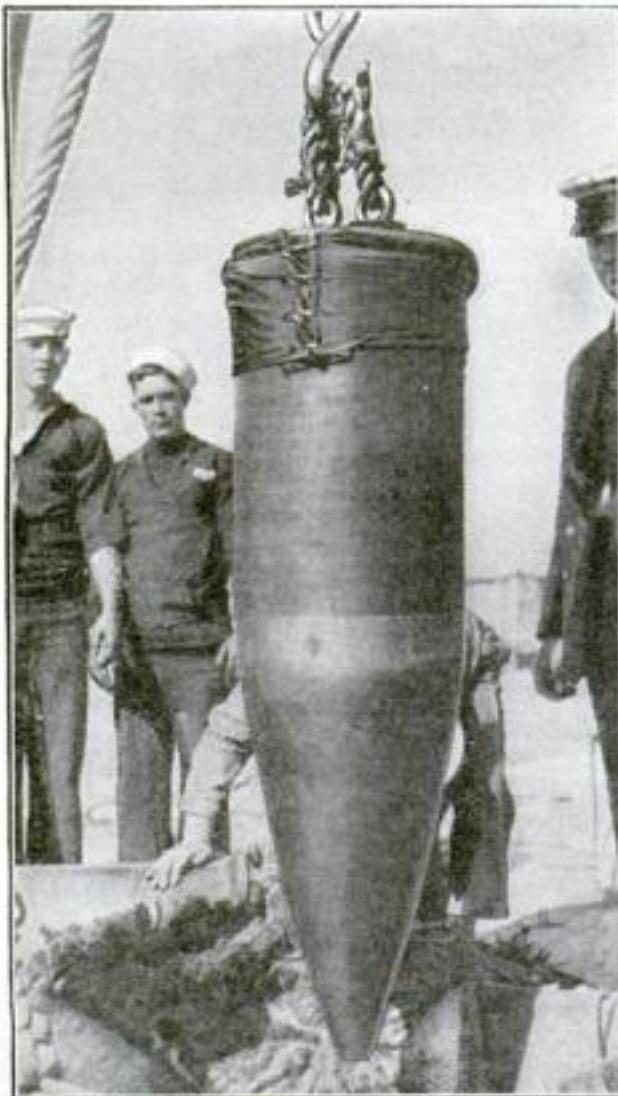
The work of scrapping them was begun November 13, 1923. Two hundred and five working days were necessary to cut both ships to pieces. The work was done at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Giant Shell Used in Navy Target Practice

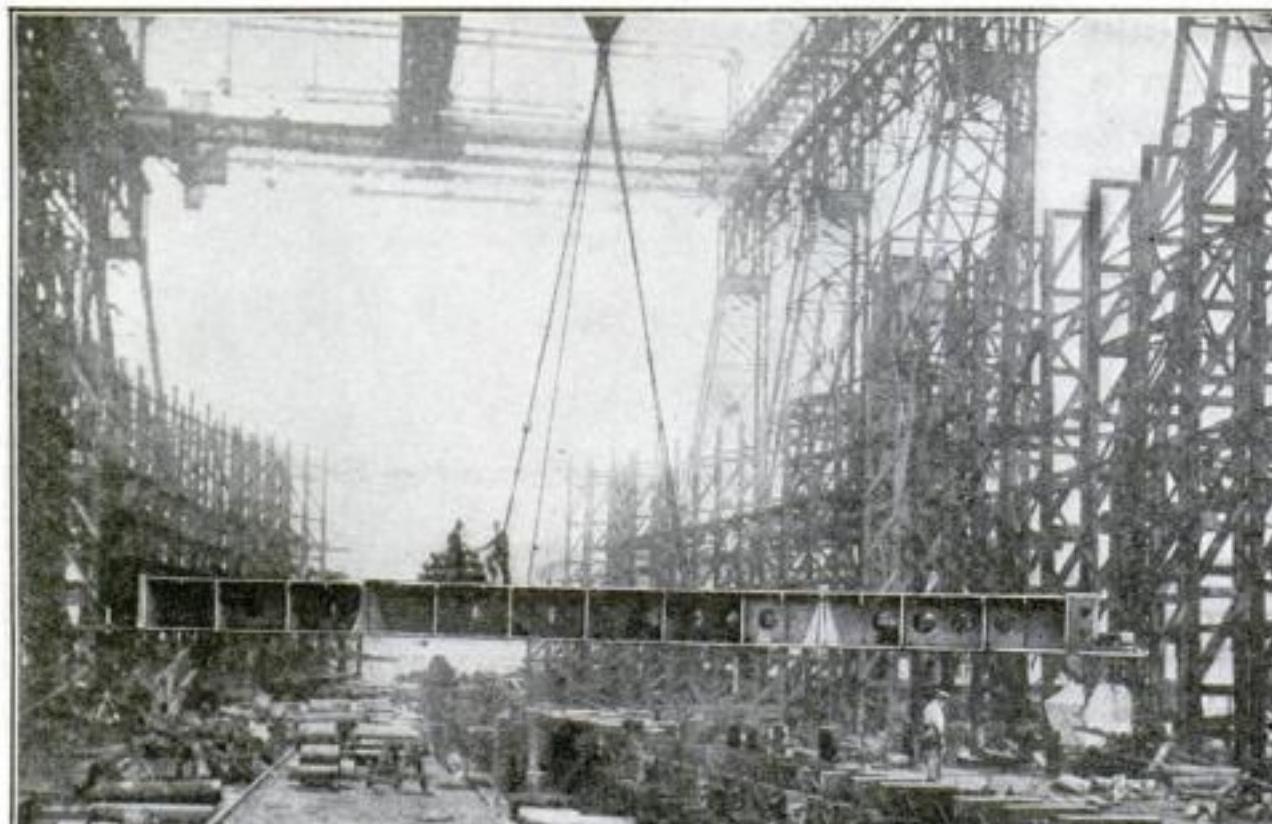
ONE of the giant shells used in target practice by battleships of the U. S. Navy in their maneuvers this fall is shown in the photograph below.

The shell is 14 inches in diameter and weighs several hundred pounds. The big guns can hurl this mass of metal a distance of more than 20 miles.

Jackies are shown in the illustration below with block and tackle, about to stow it away on board the *Pennsylvania*.



Huge shell used for target practice



Removing the last steel beam in scrapping the great battleship *South Dakota*



Odd Four-Seater Driven like a Bicycle

AN ODD foot-power automobile, driven like a bicycle, on the chain-and-sprocket principle, recently has been invented by Monsieur Alois Seuter of Neuilly, France.

The new machine, which he calls a "Velo" car, seats four people and has a compartment for carrying packages. The designer says he can attain a speed of about five miles an hour with good pedaling. The body is made of light wood-work. The car is steered by means of ordinary bicycle handles.

Tests in Left-Handedness

AS THE result of comparative intelligence tests with right-handed and left-handed individuals in a group of 1019 children, Dr. Kate Gorday, a psychologist of Los Angeles, Calif., recently announced she could find no confirmation of the tradition that left-handed persons are of inferior mentality.

She concluded, however, that among subnormal individuals there probably is a large percentage of left-handedness. She found, too, that there are more left-handed boys than girls, and that left-handedness runs in families.

Fish Found in Desert

SPECIMENS of fish that swim beneath the sands of the Sahara Desert are among the latest curiosities to be exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History, New York City. They were taken from subterranean desert water pools, and are not of rare species, as might have been expected.

One kind is a member of the minnow family. Others resemble perch.

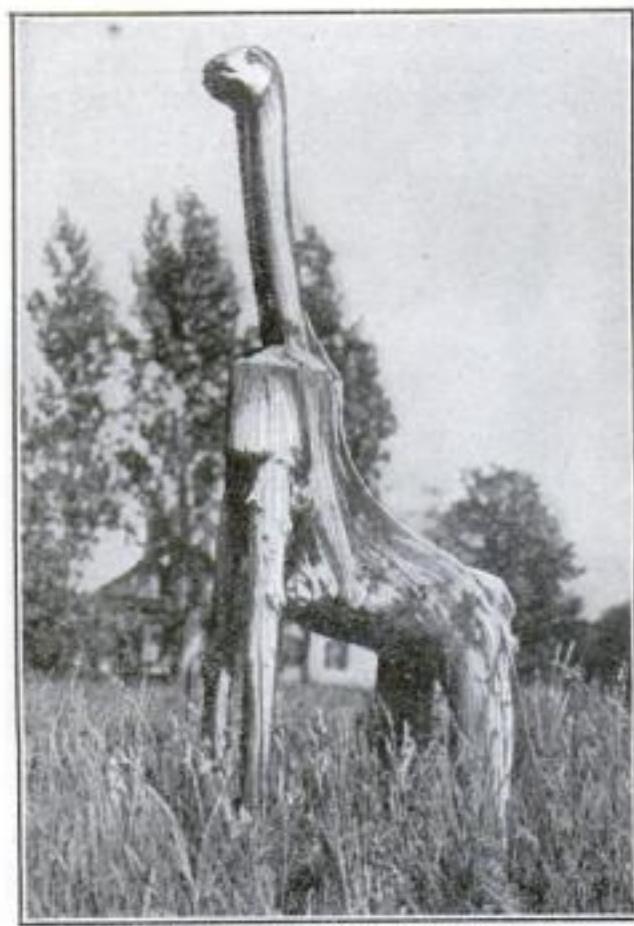
The presence of these fish in the desert remains a mystery. One theory is that the eggs are transported there in particles of mud or weeds carried in the claws of birds that visit the desert water holes.

Wooden Giraffe Formed by Junction of Trees

IN THE village of Munsonville, N. H., formed a strikingly realistic reproduction of a giraffe by the junction of two trees that grew together. The dual trunk of one tree formed the legs of the "animal," while the twisted trunk of a second tree, which grew about four feet away, joined the legs and stretched upward like the long neck of a giraffe.

The only artificial work done on it was the chiseling out of the eyes and mouth in order to give the wooden creature a definite expression.

This curiosity is located outside the village general store and is the object of much attention from passers-by.



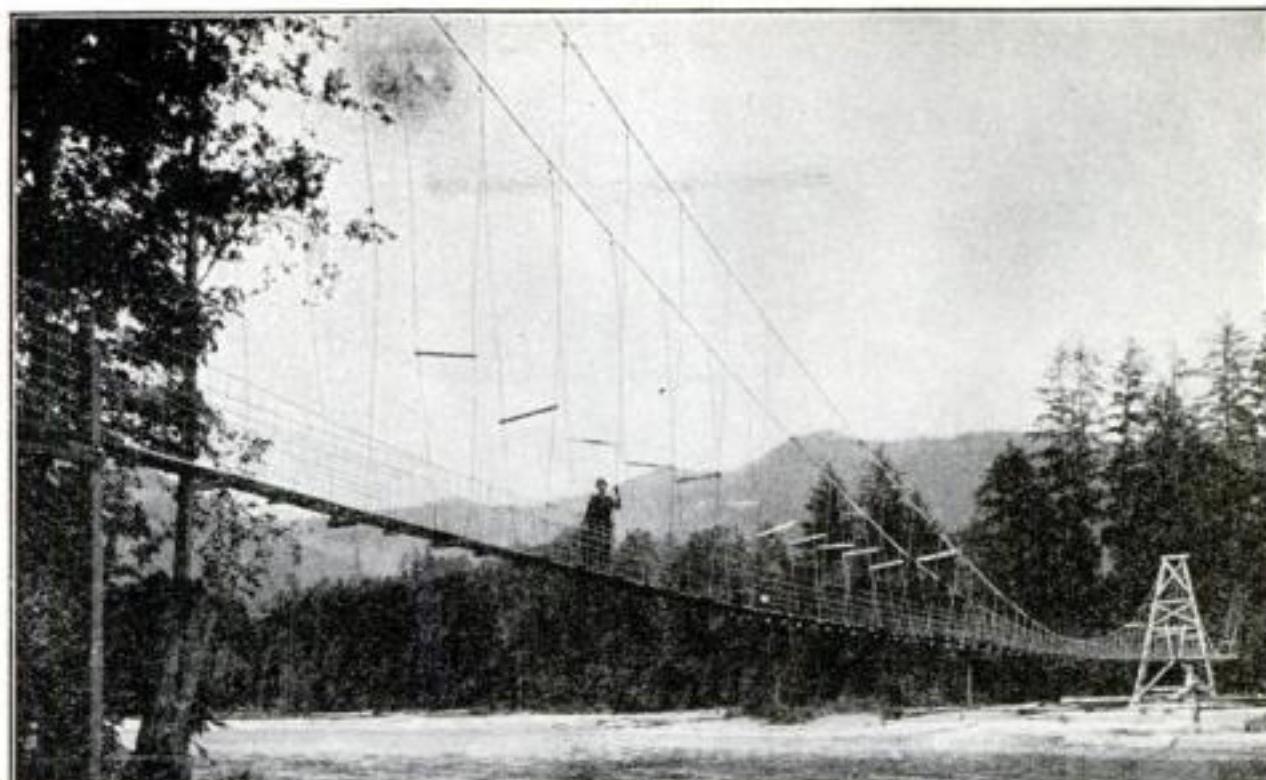
Wooden giraffe—a freak of Nature

Bridge Hung from Trees

WHAT is said to be the longest suspension footbridge in the world stretches across the Quinault River on the Olympic Peninsula, Washington. The bridge is 994 feet long and only two feet wide.

The end supports are big fir trees growing on each side of the river. From them the wire cables carrying the bridge walk are stretched. These cables are supported also by a center pier 54 feet high, resting on a mat of rocks and branches. Overhead cables to which the bridge is attached prevent side-sway.

The bridge was constructed for the use



This narrow suspension footbridge across the Quinault, Wash., is slung from giant trees

of farmers, and is their only means of crossing the river other than by boat, an impracticable task when the spring freshets are running high.

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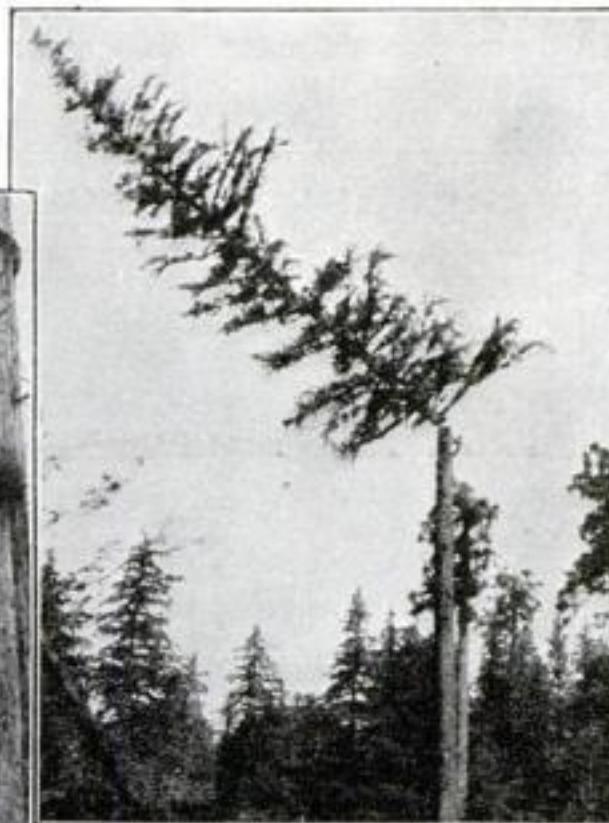
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Small Propeller Adds New Thrills to Skiing

MOTORIZED skiing is a novel sport recently made possible by means of a small air propeller driven by a light motor that is strapped on the back of the skier. The invention, from Germany, is said to enable an experienced skier to travel on the level at high speed.

The propeller is started and stopped by a pneumatic device similar to that which opens a camera shutter. The motor has one cylinder and resembles an outboard canoe motor.



The unusual photograph above shows the falling top of a tall fir tree, just after it was cut. The cutter may be seen immediately below the break. At the left is W. H. Hamilton, champion tree-climber, descending a 100-foot tree. His saw is tied to his foot to leave his hands free



of world's champion tree-climber by scaling a 100-foot Douglas fir tree, cutting off the top, and returning to the ground—all in 18 minutes.

In scaling a tall tree, Hamilton wears climbing irons similar to those used by telephone linemen, with which he gets a foothold on the tree trunk. In addition, he carries a stout rope, one end of which is fastened to his belt. He slings the rope about the trunk and holds the other end with his right hand. By these means he pulls himself upward or lowers himself.

During the ascent and descent his saw is tied to one foot to allow him free use of his hands.

To the layman, such a "human fly" per-

formance appears very dangerous. In fact, it is somewhat risky, but the expert climber in a logging crew enjoys the thrill.

Fir trees, such as those shown in the photographs, form the basis of the lumber trade of the Pacific Northwest. Much of this lumber passes through Seattle and Portland.

Highest Telephone in U. S.

THE highest telephone in the United States is located on the summit of Pike's Peak, in Colorado—an altitude of 14,110 feet, or nearly three miles. It is on the property of the Pike's Peak Highway Association.

Relics of a Lost Race

DISCOVERY of the remains of an ancient race that once inhabited the lonely Island of Nihoa in the South Seas, about 250 miles northwest of Honolulu, is reported by members of a recent exploring expedition that went there aboard the U.S.S. *Tanager*.

Evidences of human habitation included acres of garden terraces, home sites, implements, and an infant burial place. Many of the

house sites were excavated.

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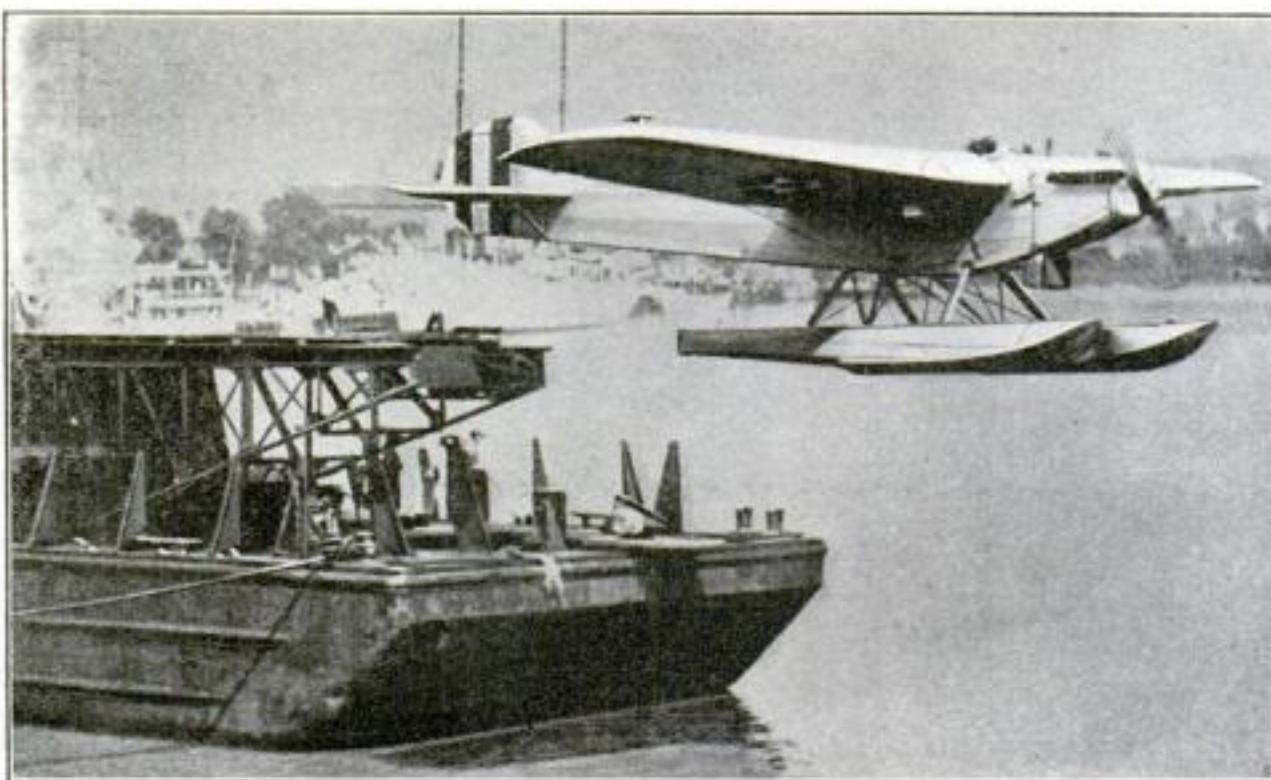
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Motor and propeller strapped to skier's back



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Planes Now Shot from Ships by Gunpowder

SHOOTING airplanes from a ship into midair by means of a gunpowder catapult is the newest achievement of the U. S. Navy. Instead of compressed air which is usually used in airplane catapults, gunpowder is employed to give the plane its start.

The new catapult gun contains a piston connected through a series of multiple pulleys with a small wheeled car. This

runs on a track about 50 feet long. When the powder charge is fired, the piston, acting with the pulleys, hurls the car forward at a speed of about 60 miles an hour, thus throwing the airplane into the air at a speed great enough to start it on its flight.

The photograph above shows a navy seaplane taking the air by this method of propulsion.

Navy Flier Sets New Speed Record for Seaplanes

STREAKING through the air at 197.6 miles an hour, Lieut. George T. Cuddihy, U. S. N., recently smashed the American seaplane speed record in tests above the Delaware River.

Lieutenant Cuddihy's speedy plane is a 500-horsepower CR-3 machine that won the Pulitzer Trophy in 1920 as a land plane. Now, equipped with pontoons, it has demonstrated its ability to rise from the water and to cover 2½ miles in a little less than 60 seconds. The upper plane of the machine is of brass and forms a radiator.

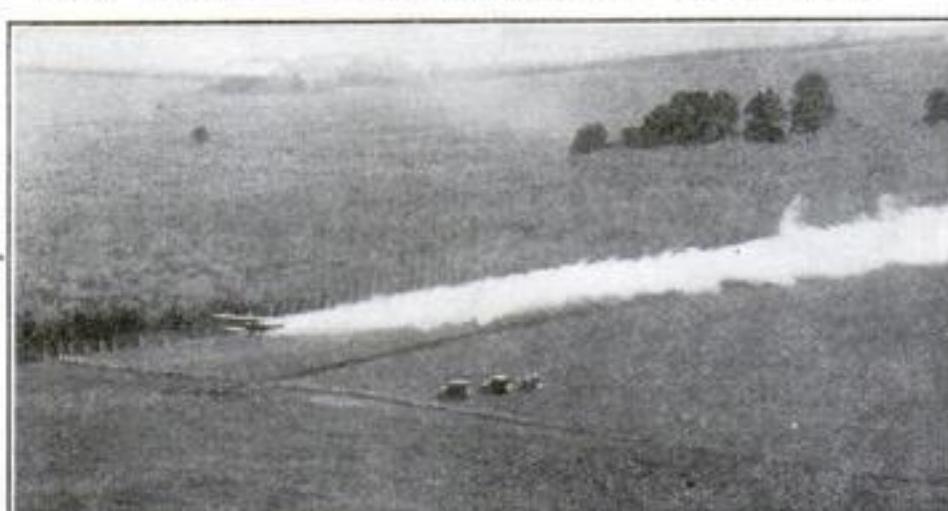
Another seaplane piloted by Lieut. Ralph A. Ofstie, nearly equaled Cuddihy's record, flying at 190 miles an hour.

The world's record is claimed by a British seaplane, at 220 miles an hour.

Fighting the Boll Weevil from the Air

THE airplane is the latest weapon to be employed in Texas in the war on the boll weevil, arch foe of cotton. Cotton-fields now are dusted with calcium arsenic sprayed from a plane as it sweeps by just a few feet above the tops of the plants.

Similar dusting formerly was done by ground machines, but several advantages are claimed for the new and more spectacular method,



An airplane dusting Texas cotton-fields with calcium-arsenic spray

chief of which is, perhaps, that the plane can start dusting immediately after rain, the most advantageous time to fight the weevil. Ground machines are forced to wait until the ground has dried.

The rapidity of plane spraying is another advantage. One plane can dust an average of about 200 acres an hour at a cost of about 30 cents an acre.

A third advantage claimed for the new method is the fact that the plane does not touch the plants and so damage them. Ground machines always break off a certain quantity of cotton bolls and squares.

The fourth advantage is probably the most interesting. Spreading the poisonous dust grains by airplane causes them to stick to the plants better, because when these grains are shot through the air at high velocity, they retain a positive charge of electricity from the air. The cotton plant contains a small charge of negative electricity. When the two come in contact, they stick closely because of the attraction of the opposite charges.

Transforms Falling Plane into a Parachute

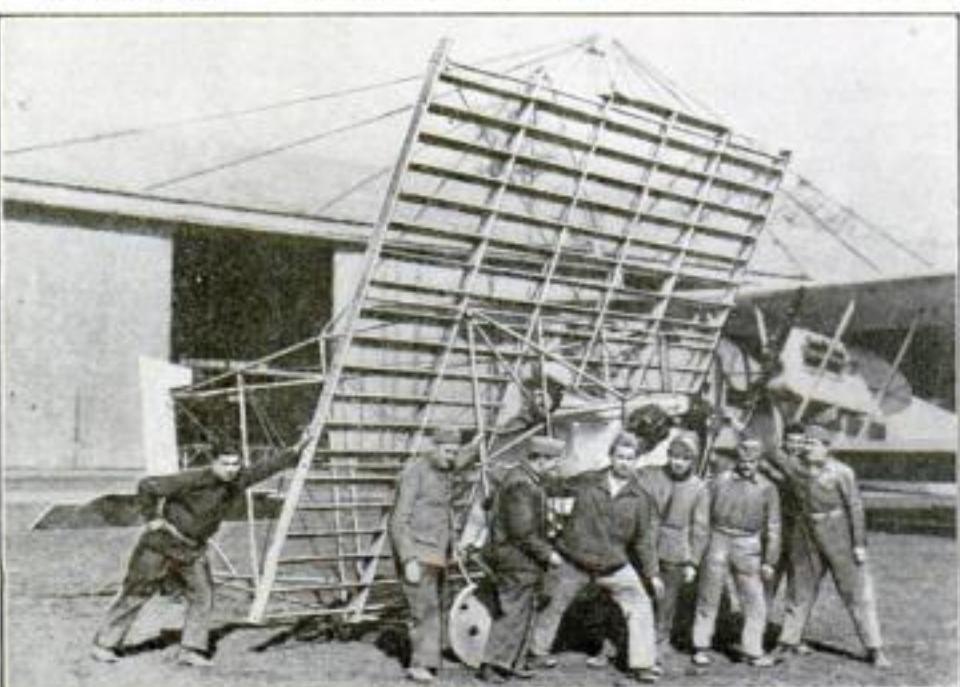
TWO remarkable new inventions that may go a long way toward solving the problem of complete security of flying have been perfected by Captain Lepinte of the Technical Section of the French Military Aviation Service.

One of these is a device by which the fuselage of a plane is automatically transformed into a parachute, if for any reason the machine gets out of control of the pilot and starts to fall.

In the center of the fuselage is a rigid axle. The fuselage itself is constructed in longitudinal sections, joined at the far end of the axle as are the stays of an umbrella. Covering this, the parachute lies in between the axle and the longitudinal sections. When the plane is in distress, the pilot simply pulls a lever that detaches the wings and the motor, and the umbrella opens, allowing pilot and passengers to descend slowly to earth unharmed.

The other invention is to assure safety in a forced landing, regardless of the nature of the ground. On each side of the fuselage are two fuses capable of developing gas under extremely high pressure. This gas, under control of the pilot, propels the descending plane ahead by a series of explosions downward, thus acting like a spring and making the fall harmless.

Flying "Window Shutter" Built in France



ONE of the most unusual of the new developments in airplane construction is a machine shaped like a window shutter, with 21 narrow lifting surfaces or wings sheathed with aluminum. It was designed by M. Toussaint, a French engineer, and constructed at the great flying-field at Villacoublay. It is driven by a 30-horsepower motor.

Altitude Test Chamber Is Made Safe by Valve

A NEW altitude chamber with a safety-valve device has been constructed at the U. S. Bureau of Standards for testing airplane engines in rarefied atmosphere such as is encountered at high altitudes.

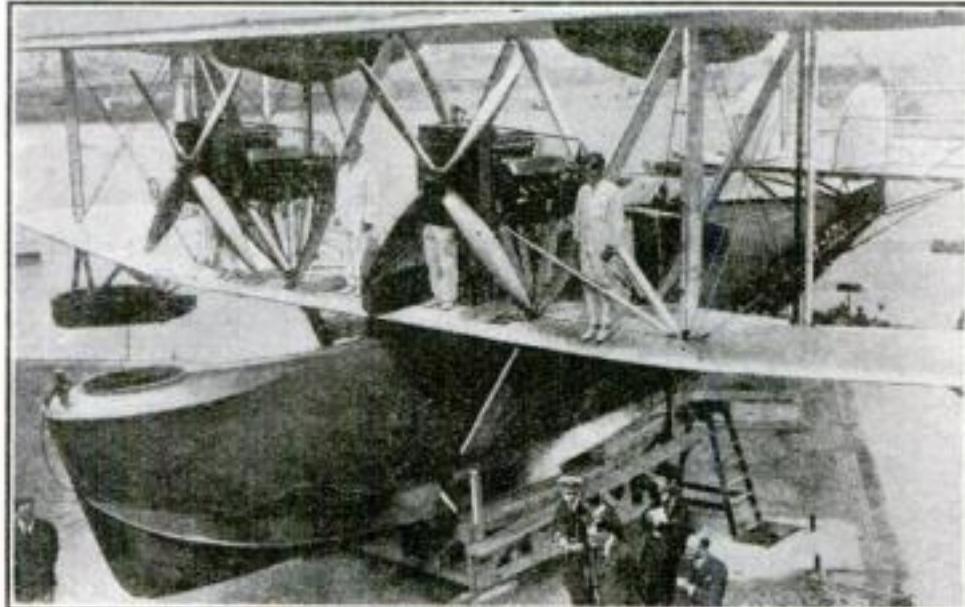
An explosion occurred a year ago in the chamber previously used, resulting in the deaths of three men.

To attain the required results the vault must be sealed tightly and the air pumped out. Nobody remains in the chamber when the test is under way, and the air often becomes laden with gasoline vapor that may be set off by a stray spark or backfire from the motor.

The safety valve consists of a rear wall of light material that will be blown out of the back of the building in case of an explosion.

This specially constructed wall is made to stand considerable pressure from outside, but will blow out if the pressure inside is increased two pounds a square inch. In case of an explosion, this wall will be blown out of the back of the building, where concrete partitions will prevent flames from reaching the operators. By this means it is expected that the tests by the bureau can be continued in entire safety to the operators.

This Huge Seaplane Carries 12 Passengers



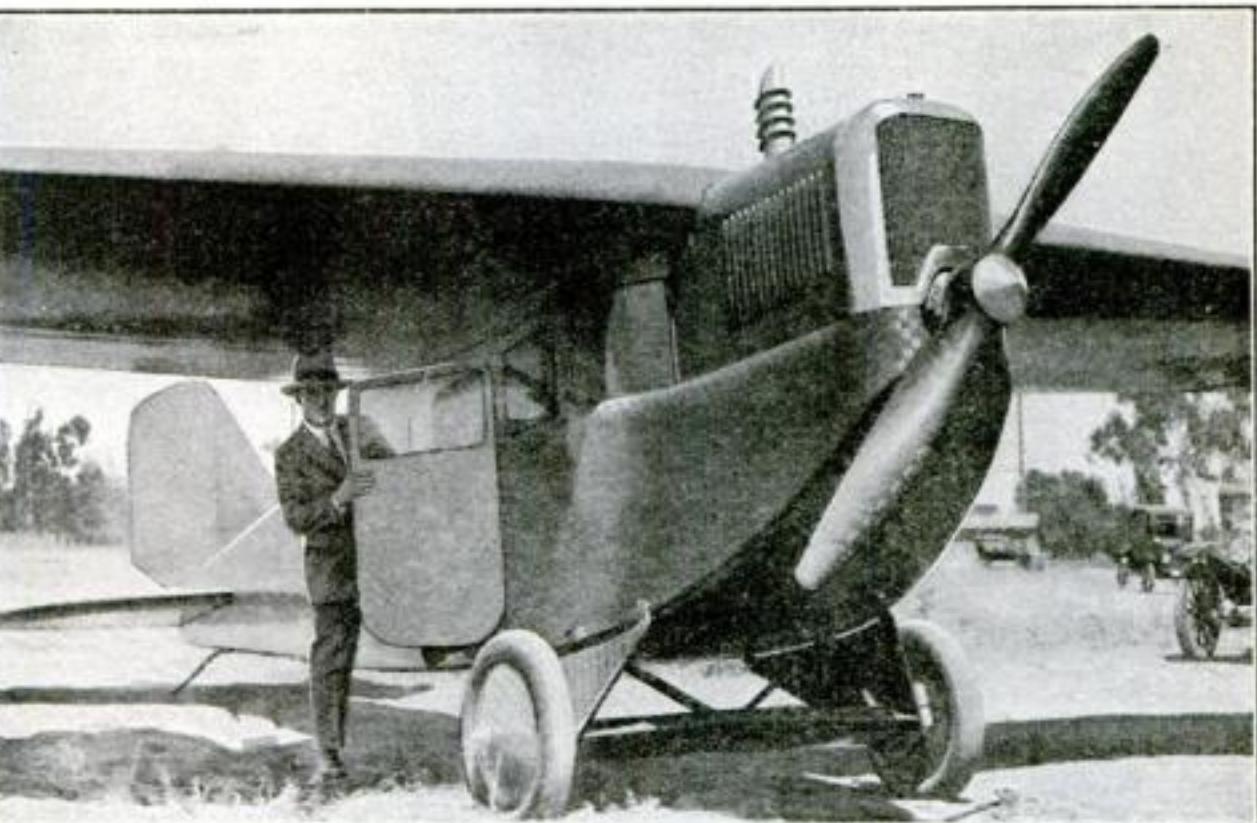
The new 12-passenger supermarine plane in drydock in England

Oehmichen Sets Record for Helicopter Performances

A WORLD'S record for helicopter lifting flight recently was established at Montbeliard, France, by Etienne Oehmichen, French airman and pioneer in vertical flight, when his machine succeeded in lifting a dead weight of 200 kilograms, or about 440 pounds, to a height of one meter (about a yard). In his first attempt he lifted 100 kilograms, then increased this weight to 175, and finally to 200.

By this feat Oehmichen won a prize of 40,000 francs for successful performance. It will be recalled that previously he established several records for helicopter flight.

In tests last April Oehmichen flew 575 meters (about 1700 feet) in a straight line, but was later outdistanced by Pescara, who flew 838 meters, the equivalent of about 2700 feet.



Monoplane Limousine Last Word in Luxury

WHAT is said to be the last word in airplane luxury has just been constructed in the form of a passenger-carrying monoplane built by its designer, Osmund T. Belcher, of Los Angeles, Calif.

The new ship has four inclosed cabins and weighs but 1800 pounds. It is

claimed the craft can carry 107 per cent of its own weight. It is 41 feet wide, 27 feet long, and nine feet high. It can rise 1000 feet a minute, the designer says. Entrance to the comfortable and well upholstered cabins is gained easily by means of the door on the side of the body of the machine.

French Hunter Gets His Shells by Airplane

A WORLD'S record price for shotgun shells was paid recently by a French millionaire sportsman and senator, who had the shells shipped from Paris to Scotland by airplane. Each shell cost him 20 francs, or about \$1.10.

On his hunting trip in Scotland, the senator carried shotguns of a special make, and when he reached his destination he found that he was unable to obtain ammunition for this type of gun. So he hired an airplane and dispatched his secretary to bring him some shells.

The plane left Scotland in the morning and arrived at Le Bourget in the evening. The following morning the secretary bought 1000 shells in Paris and returned to Scotland that evening.

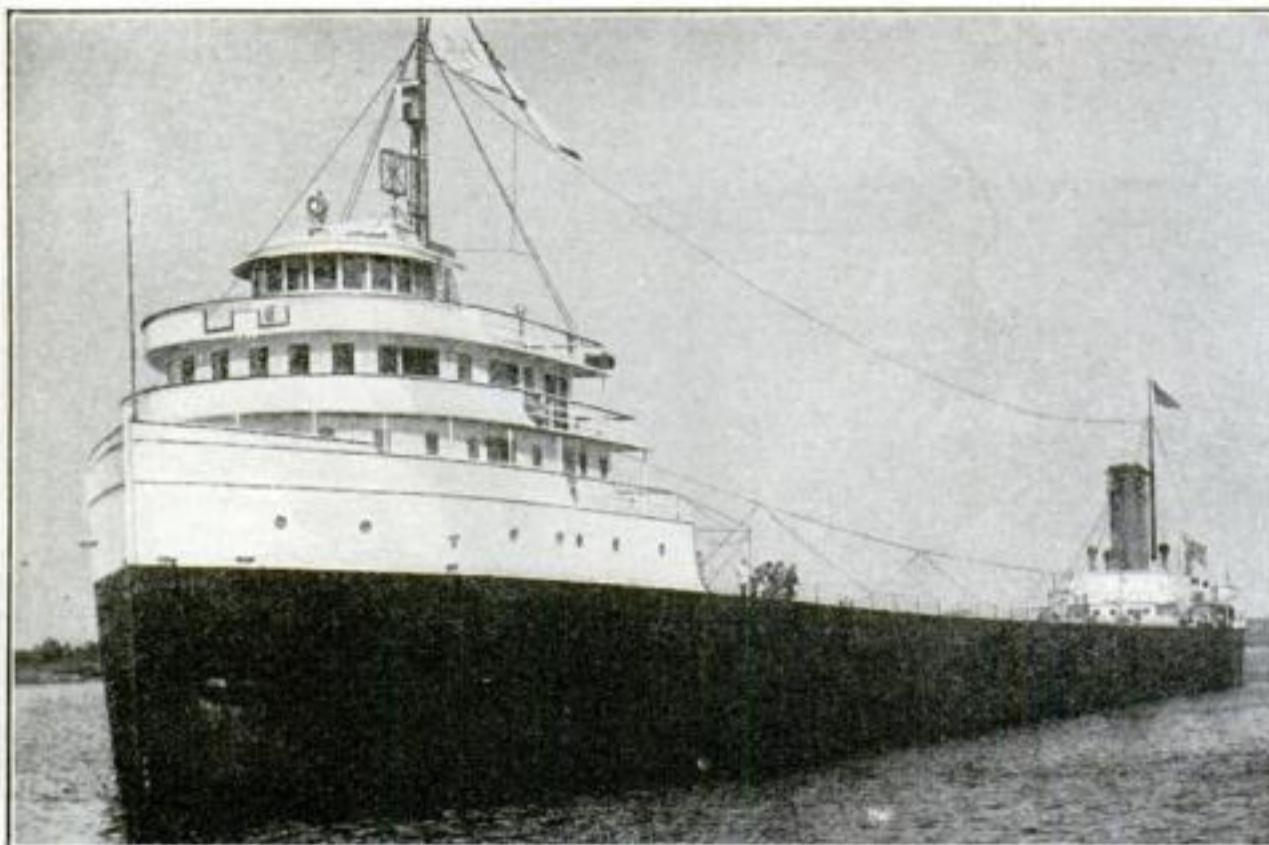
The Only Tailless Plane in the World

WHAT is said to be the only airplane in the world without a tail is a novelty recently completed at the French military airdrome at Villacoublay. The unusually large rudder is placed immediately behind the wings of the airplane.

Standing beside the machine is M. Jaugin, famous French airman, who claims the world's speed record as a hydroplane pilot.



This unusual looking plane carries its rudder close to its body



First Diesel Freighter for Great Lakes

FOR transporting coal and ore from the mines of Minnesota to the Ford automobile plants in Michigan, Henry Ford has constructed the first of a fleet of 600-foot Diesel freight boats, which will ply the Great Lakes. The photograph shows the *Benson Ford*, the first one to be launched, when it was passing through the canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., bound

for the city of Detroit, loaded with coal.

The ship cost \$2,000,000 and is said to be one of the finest and most modern freighters ever built. It is fitted with radio and radio compass.

If the operation of these freight lines proves as successful as expected, it is reported that Ford may branch out into ocean-going trade.

Sixty Upside-Down Sloths Arrive in America

TO BE upside down usually is considered upside down, but with a sloth, upside down is right side up. This queer animal is a native of South America. It lives in trees, hanging from the branches by means of its long, curved claws. It never leaves a tree until it has stripped it of every leaf, then it travels over the branches to another, descending as seldom as possible.

On the ground it is practically helpless, because of its slow and apparently clumsy movements, from which it derives its name. This slowness is due to its disproportioned structure, but most particularly to the fact that its feet turn in awkwardly.

Sixty of these creatures recently arrived in San Pedro, Calif. They were captured by Cecil B. Wright, and they constituted the second group of sloths to reach this country in the last 35 years.



The clumsy sloth lives upside down



Historic Palm Tree Moved across a City

THAT a tree is never too old nor too tall to be moved was demonstrated in Los Angeles recently when a large date-palm tree, planted in 1786, was bodily removed from the ground, transferred across the city, and replanted. The reason for preserving the tree in this manner when the plot on which it stood was needed for building was the fact that it is of historical value.

It is estimated that the tree weighs 60,000 pounds. It stands 80 feet high, and two derricks were required to move it. The photo shows the tree being removed from its original site.

Odd Petrified Wood Block Mysteriously Carved

A STRANGE oddity recently discovered in the pine forests of Louisiana has everybody guessing, scientists as well as laymen.

It is a piece of petrified wood about two feet square and weighing 103 pounds, carved into an elaborate and intricate series of designs, including—at least to the imaginative—flowers, animals and human faces. There is not a square inch of the surface that is not carved or chased.



This block of petrified wood, weighing 103 pounds, is completely covered with strange figures carved in some manner as yet unexplained

One scientist who has seen it expressed the belief that carpenter ants did the work, but, if they did, it is a unique production, for nothing like it ever before has been found. At first, there was a suspicion that human ingenuity was responsible for the freak, but that theory was abandoned, because of the immense labor involved, and the apparent aimlessness of the energy expended.

The curiosity was found under a fallen tree in LaSalle parish. It is owned by Baker Thomas of New Orleans.

Oldest Stone Buildings Found in Egypt

THE world's oldest stone buildings are reported to have been discovered recently near the famous pyramids of Sakkarah, about 15 miles south of Cairo, Egypt. They are two royal tomb chapels of the third Egyptian dynasty, about 4000 B.C.

Built in a style differing in almost every respect from what is known as Egyptian architecture, the chapels are believed to have been the burial places of princesses or queens. Fragments of gravestones of royal princesses are reported to have been found near by archeologists who have been digging on the site.

Fluted columns with leaf-form capitals decorate the façades of the chapels, while the side walls have the earliest known form of papyrus capital and column seen in the world's architecture.

Wheeled Parcel Carrier to Aid the Shopper

THE latest European novelty for carrying heavy parcels is a small detachable wheel to which is fitted a collapsible frame. The entire outfit can be carried in the pocket.

For carrying large bundles homeward, it is necessary merely to attach the wheel to the end of one's walking-stick or umbrella. The result is a small car or framework capable of transporting as much as 50 pounds, according to the inventor, William Helffrisch.



African Bird Enlists Men to Open Beehives

ONE of the cleverest birds in the world is the "honey guide" of Africa, which has learned to entice men to open beehives for him.

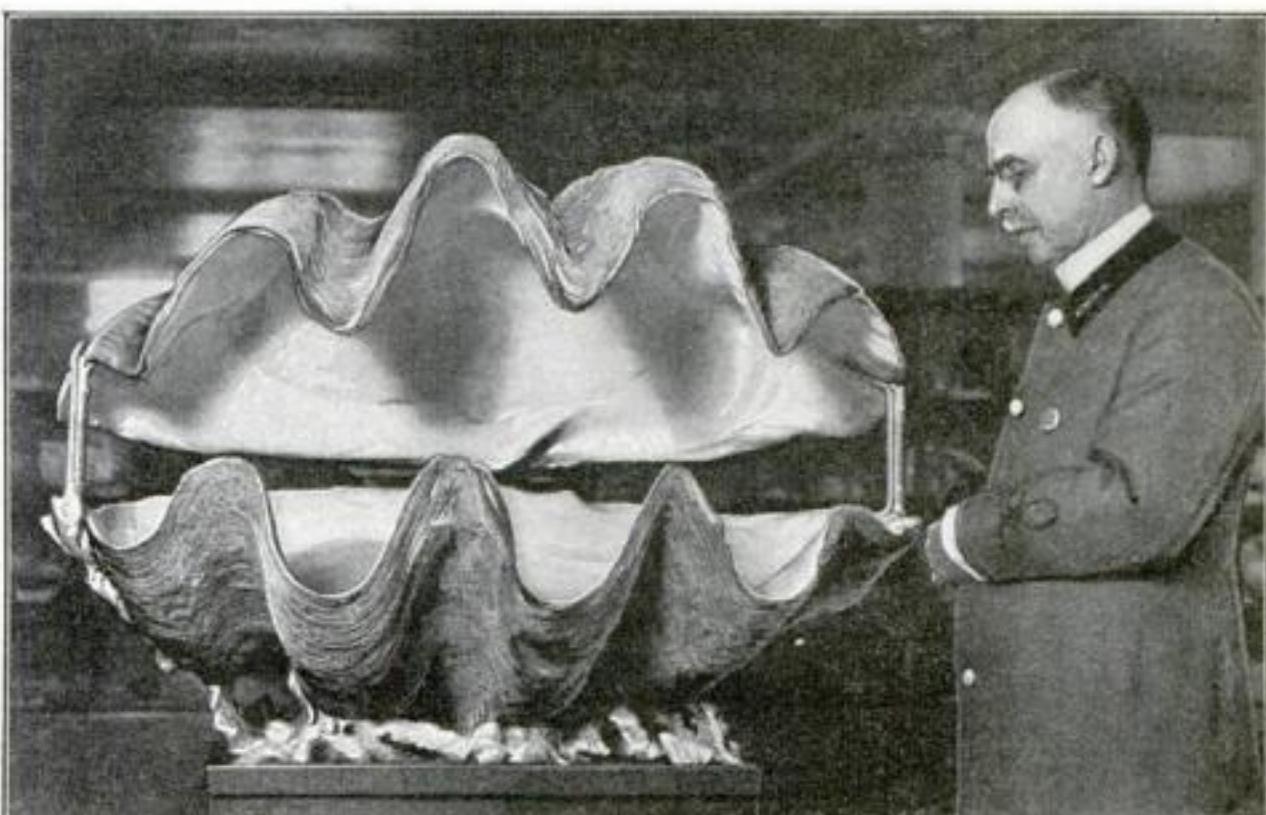
The "honey guide" has a sweet tooth, as well as a liking for the larvae of bees. But he is a small bird, and beehives are hard for him to crack. So he seeks out a man, and when he finds one, perches in a near-by tree and begins to chatter. This means that he knows where there is a first-rate hive, and that he wants the man to follow him. In the same way he leads his human assistant to the hive, stopping at intervals to wait for his slower partner to catch up.

These birds are highly valued in Africa and to kill them is a misdemeanor punishable by law.

New Comet in Western Sky

A COMET that never may have been observed before, recently was discovered at the Bonn, Germany, observatory. It is said to be brighter than any comet that has appeared for several years, being visible through strong field glasses. It is sufficiently well developed to show a faint tail.

Apparently the new comet is moving southeast at considerable speed in the western sky shortly after sunset. There is a possibility that it will become visible to the unaided eye.



World's Largest Clam-Shell on Exhibition

THE world's largest clam-shell, weighing 20 pounds without the mollusk itself, recently was placed on exhibition at the Museum of Natural History, New York City.

The giant bivalves, of which the creature that once wore this shell was one, are native to the waters of the Indian

Ocean, the East Indies, and the Philippine Islands. They are edible, and their shells are so hard that the natives frequently make ax heads of them.

Lying open in clear water, these creatures are said to present the appearance of a submarine garden of the most vivid blue, yellow, and violet hues.



Giant Wingless Bird Is Reproduced in Model

ONE of the exhibits that attracted much attention at the recent British Exhibition at Wembley was a reconstruction of the giant wingless moa bird, which once inhabited New Zealand, but now is extinct.

This great creature, which sometimes reached a height of about 12 feet, was unable to fly. It is believed to have existed up to about the middle of the eighteenth century, when it was exterminated by natives. Some of the species were not much larger than turkeys. Their heads were small and the necks almost bare of feathers.

This model was reconstructed from remains found by scientists.

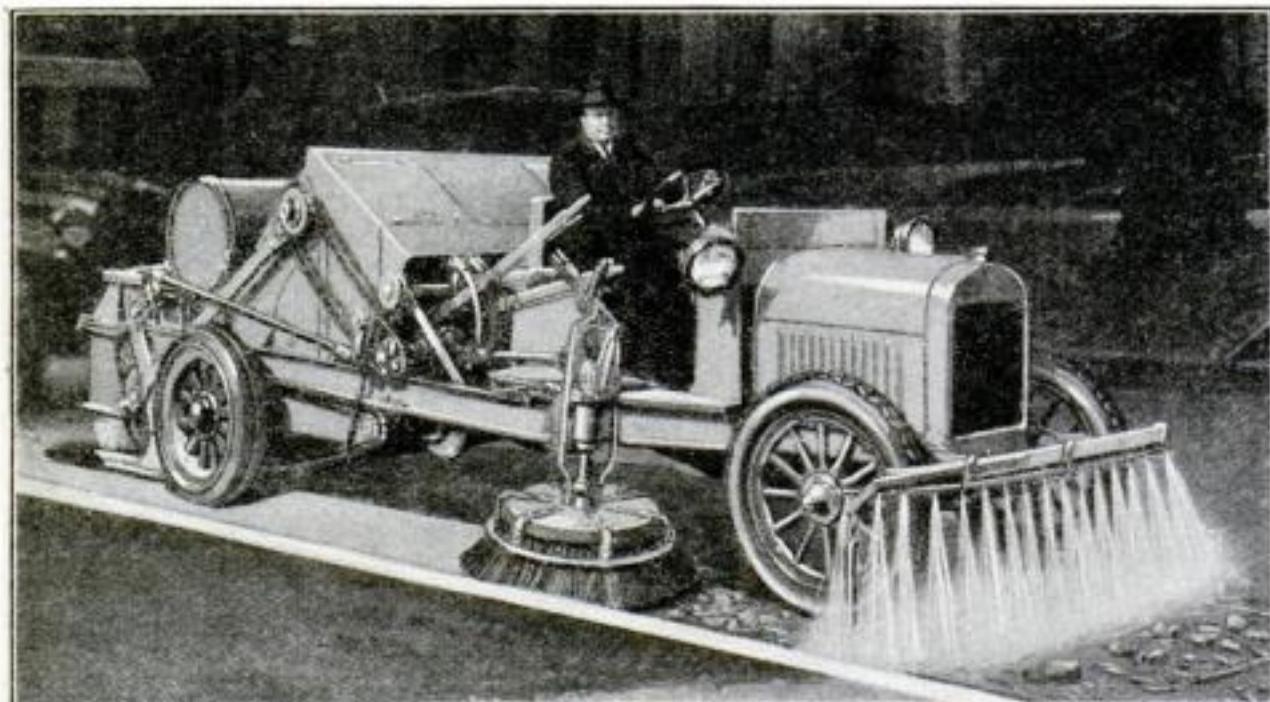
Will Sail around the World in a 68-Foot Boat

"THE longest cruise in the smallest boat" is the slogan of an around-the-world cruise now being undertaken by a party from Chicago, Ill., in a 68-foot all-cypress sailing vessel modeled after a Norwegian ketch. The voyage, which is expected to take two years, is under the direction of Capt. A. J. Duken, an experienced explorer and navigator. It was undertaken to obtain moving pictures and historical data of little known islands of the South Seas.

The ship, known as the *Big Bill*, after William Hale Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, is the first to sail from Chicago to the Orient by way of the Illinois-Michigan Canal, the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. It is equipped with an auxiliary engine, radio, and many other modern improvements.



Big Bill ready for two-year world cruise



One-Man Machine Sweeps and Washes Streets

STREET-CLEANING has now come under the eye of science. Herewith is shown a complete street-sweeping and -washing unit that may be operated by one man, the driver of the truck. This mechanical cleaner consists of a street-sweeper, gutter broom, and sprinkling device. It will wash and sweep the street and gutter at one operation, picking up the dirt as it travels.

The gutter broom, made of sectional steel wire, automatically follows the curb line, working in and out with any variations that occur, throwing the refuse from the gutter into the path of the main broom located across the truck at the rear. This deposits the sweepings in the large dust-hopper above. Both brushes are quickly raised when the truck is going to and from its work.

Motor-Meter Light Makes Handy Trouble Lamp

AMOTOR-METER illuminating device (shown at the left) that may be used also for lighting up the motor under the hood when searching for the reason of engine trouble, is easily attached at the base of the motor meter. It consists of a miniature electric lamp wired to the battery of the car.

The bracket allows the lamp to be swung backward for roadside investigation of the motor in the darkness. It is the invention of Philip W. Pulig, of Philadelphia.



Know Your Car

THE proper care and adjustment of the hand brake, which some day may be the only means of preventing a serious accident, is a very important item in the upkeep of a car, yet how many auto owners pay attention to it?

There are several points that may need adjustment or correction. Slipping may be caused by oil or grease working out of the axle, by poor adjustment, or by worn linings. These faults may be corrected by putting a new washer on the inside of the hub, by washing the grease away with gasoline or kerosene, by readjustment, or by installing a new lining.

If the car tends to skid when the hand brake is applied, one wheel is braking more than the other, or one may not be braking at all. The brakes should then be equalized. If the brake is dry and dirty, it will squeak. It should be cleaned with gasoline and a stiff brush. Sometimes squeaks are caused by improper clearance of lining and drum.

ONE of the queerest of automotive creations, the body of which resembles the fuselage of an airplane, recently appeared in London. The engine, mounted over the rear axle, is only 16 horsepower; but the makers claim the car can attain a speed of 85 miles an hour. A low center of gravity and light body construction make this possible, they assert.

Cool air for the motor is drawn in through a tube at the side, while the part of the body that houses the engine is fluted for additional ventilation.

The rear of the

Trigger Catch Eliminates Rattle of Auto Hood

TO COMPLETELY stop the annoyance of hood rattling, a hood catch has been designed with a trigger handle that extends through the side of the hood and engages a loop connecting two springs that are fastened to the frame of the car inside the hood.

The pressure from the springs pulls the hood downward and toward the inside,

This simple device will prevent the auto hood from rattling. It is easily adjusted or released



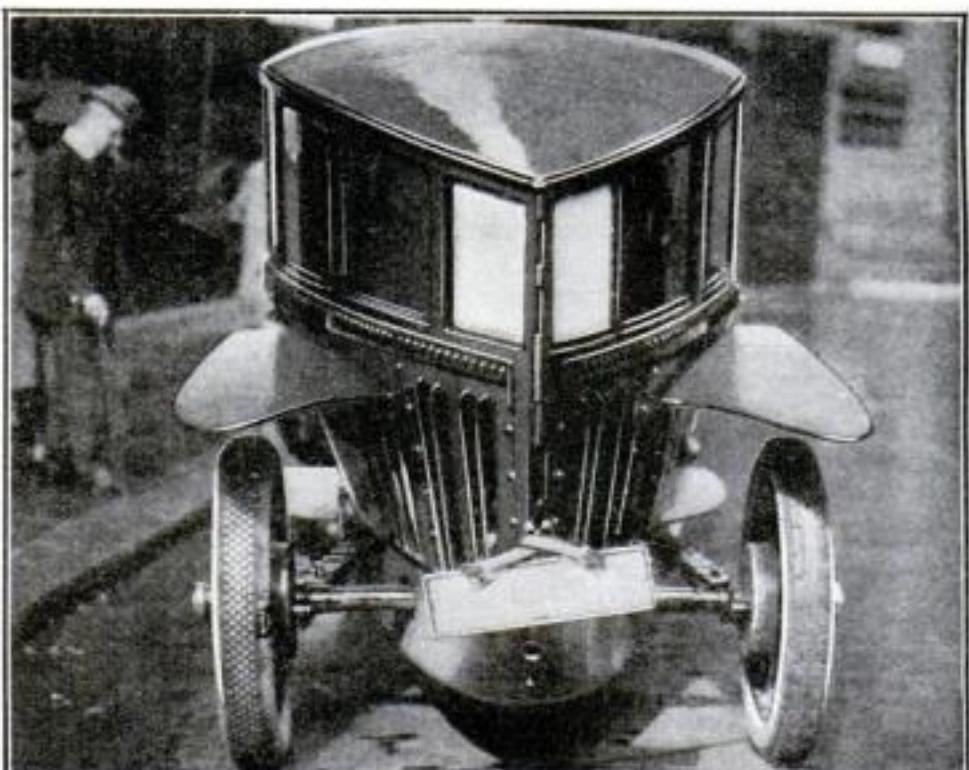
thus holding it firm and snug. The handle is furnished in several finishes.

The device is said to be fastened in place by a light pressure of the hand, and released as easily.

THE streets are not the only places in New York City where there is a speed limit. Elevator traffic in the skyscrapers are subject to traffic laws as well. The vertical speed limit is 600 feet a minute. In other words, an express elevator is permitted to travel at the rate of a mile in about seven minutes. If it exceeds this speed, an automatic "traffic cop," attached to the running apparatus of the elevator, jerks it to a stop.

Odd Streamlined Car Designed for Speed

car comes to a point and the front, shown in the illustration, is rounded. This shape of body reduces wind resistance.

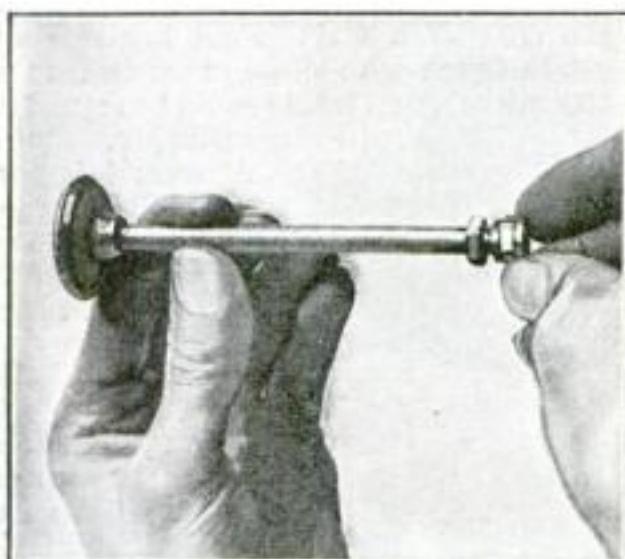


This car, shaped like an airplane fuselage, goes 85 miles an hour

Valve-Stem Adjusters to Increase Car Power

TO DECREASE the noise and increase the power of Ford motors, adjusters may be added to the valve-stems. These consist of a pair of adjustable nuts that may be adjusted by the aid of two wrenches.

In worn automobile valves the attachments are said to give full lift to the valves. Their attachment is claimed to be very simple.



Adjusting nuts on a valve stem

Prove "Lean" Spark to Be as Good as a "Fat" One

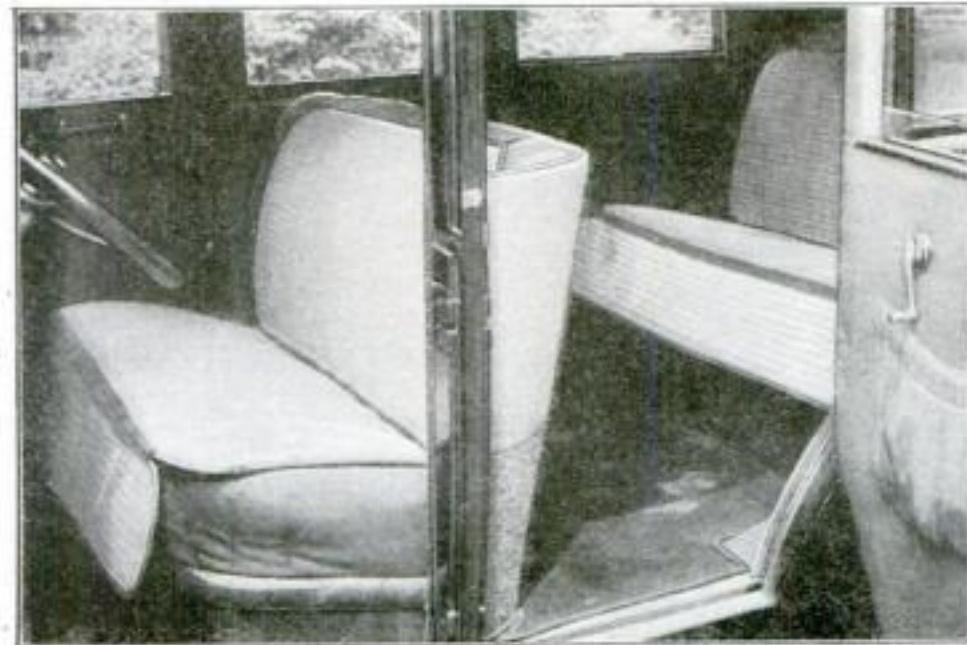
EXPERTS of the U. S. Bureau of Standards have just disproved another cherished belief of motorists. They have found by exhaustive experiments that a "fat" spark gives no better ignition and no more power than a "lean" one.

Their suspicions of the correctness of the accepted doctrine were aroused by experiments in Germany, where engines tested with various kinds of sparks failed to show any differences in power developed.

They found that the spark from the feeblest flivver coil was on a par in effectiveness with a spark from the most expensive magneto.

Covers to Keep Auto Upholstery Clean

BELOW is pictured a new seat cover that is said to be serviceable, easily adjusted, and neat looking, and that any one can install. It is made of rice straw specially treated to render it durable.



Straw cushion covers bound with cloth for the closed car



Small Car Falls 60 Feet into River and Runs

A REMARKABLE wreck picture was obtained recently when a photographer, taking pictures of scenery near Philadelphia, saw an automobile skid 60 feet over a rock embankment and land in the creek below. The photographer snapped the camera before the driver of the car was able to bring it to a standstill.

The driver is seen making a futile attempt to control the car and steer it out of deep water. He was uninjured, and a

broken radiator was the chief damage suffered by the car.

A SOILS laboratory on wheels, with the necessary professors, recently completed an educational tour through several counties in northeastern Ohio. More than 2500 people attended the laboratory classes, many fetching with them samples of sick soil that the professors examined and prescribed for.



New Adjustable Hose Clamp

MADE of tempered steel springs of cold-rolled steel the positive hose clamp at right can be quickly attached to water-hose connections without the use of tools.

The clamp, according to its manufacturer, is provided with a pawl-and-ratchet device that makes it instantly adjustable merely by moving the pawl to the proper notch. By pressing the lever back, the clamp is tightened instantly. The clamps are manufactured in several sizes.

How Much Do You Know?

WRITE down the answers to the questions below to the best of your ability; then turn to page 165 and see how nearly you come to a perfect score.

1. Why does a boomerang return?
2. What gland affects our growth?
3. What is steel?
4. Why doesn't stout persons' skin burst?
5. What is the difference between planets and fixed stars?
6. How are the seasons caused?
7. What is a crystal?
8. Why is it possible that the inside of the earth is growing hotter instead of colder?
9. What would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable body?
10. How do plants differ from animals?
11. What rare chemical element is necessary for the growth of teeth?
12. Do electrons really move through a wire when an electric current is flowing?

Radio—the New Paul Revere

Broadcast network to link nation in emergency—Other useful developments and inventions

ONE of the most important steps in the development of radio broadcasting is about to be announced by the Bell System. According to advance information, a vast network of interconnecting telephone lines throughout the country is to be set aside permanently for the purpose of linking broadcast stations for events of national importance.

Up to the present, multiple broadcasting has frequently been arranged. The greatest number of stations hooked up to one studio has been 19, across the northern states. It is understood the new arrangement will cover the entire country. This is in accord with the recommendations of Secretary of Commerce Hoover at the Third National Radio Conference.

The new network will cut out the tremendous amount of preliminary work always necessary before the broadcasting of a national event. This invariably has meant taking telephone wires out of service for several days.

The new system will be invaluable in cases of national emergency, when it is necessary to get important information to all of the people in the shortest possible time.

New Light on Static

CONTRARY to previous belief, radio interference from static electricity is bad in the Far North. This is the statement of the Arctic explorer and scientist, Dr. Donald B. MacMillan, who recently returned from a 15 months' expedition into the polar regions. One of the primary objects of his voyage was to study the effects of static on wireless reception.

Static was especially bad during the terrific magnetic storms that occur in the north. Some of the disturbances were so violent as to move the magnetic needle of his recording apparatus like a scribbling pen across the record sheet.

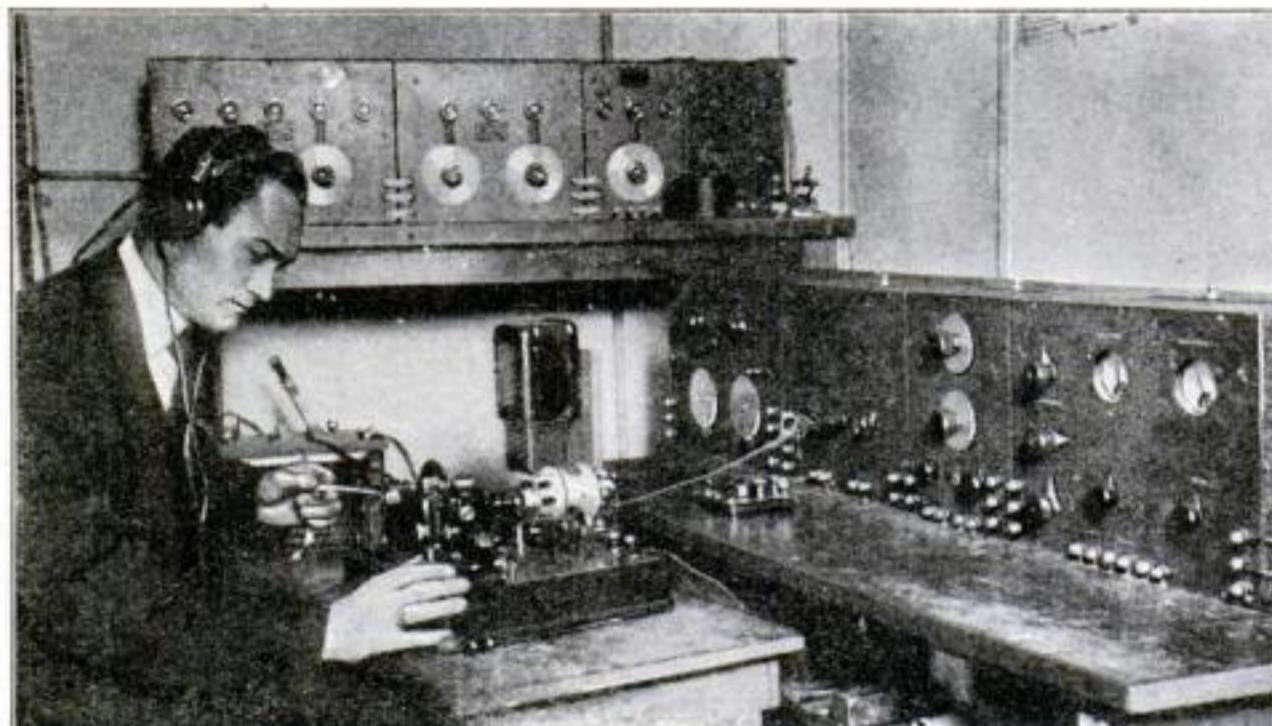
The aurora borealis apparently has no effect on radio transmission, according to Doctor MacMillan. When his ship passed through the aurora belt no unusual effect on the signals was observed.

During the four months when the Far North was in continuous darkness, the explorer heard

By Jack Binns

America's Most Popular Writer on Radio

clearly the messages of hundreds of amateurs, but as soon as the long hours of daylight arrived, short waves faded rapidly. During the four months of daylight he was cut off from the world.

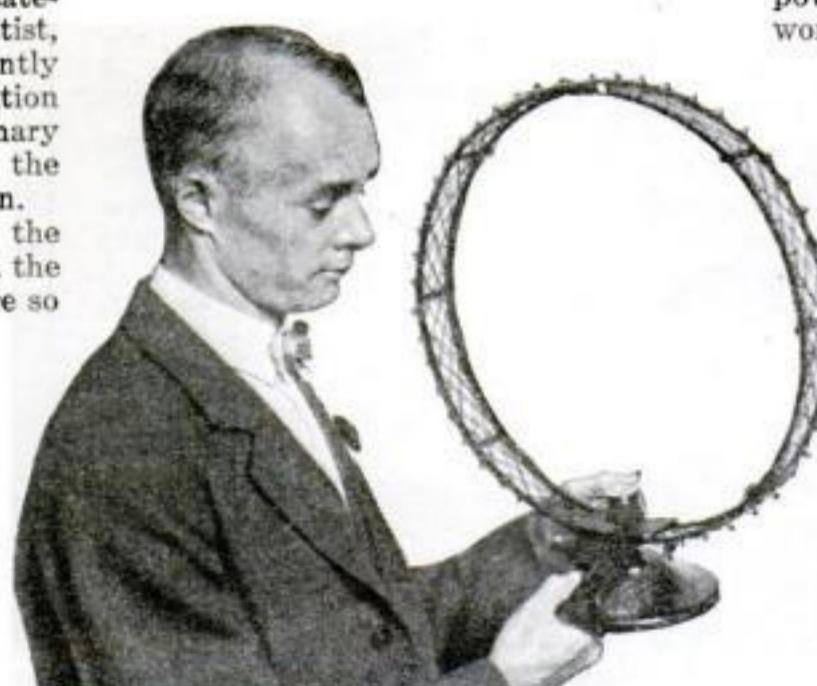


One of the most remarkable of the new radio inventions is this automatic radio recorder, which is said to be able to copy signals accurately even when static is three times as great as

the signal strength. The inventor, Dr. A. Hoyt Taylor of the U. S. Navy Department, claims the machine can copy 100 words a minute and that it will revolutionize radio-telegraphy

Radio for the Railroads

SEVERAL important radio communication tests aboard fast express trains have been made recently by railroad engineers with improved radio equipment. On the whole, these tests have been successful, but much remains to be done before satisfactory commercial results can be obtained. Among the railroads that made the experiments were the Pennsylvania, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Northern Pacific, and Lackawanna.



Although extremely small, this new loop aerial is said to be very efficient, due to unusual construction and winding, designed to reduce distributed capacity, and prevent losses

One of the chief purposes of the tests has been to find a successful means of communication to and from moving trains to supplement the present block system. With such a system in operation the crew of a train could immediately get in touch with dispatchers in case of any mishap, and traffic could be regulated accordingly.

A second important object is to connect passengers aboard fast express trains with the regular telephone system, so that a business man in his office could converse with his associate en route between New York and Chicago, for example. Third, but less important from the railroad point of view, is the arrangement of broadcast concert reception for passengers.

The immediate problem is the development of an efficient transmitter for trains. This must be a radio-telephone apparatus of high

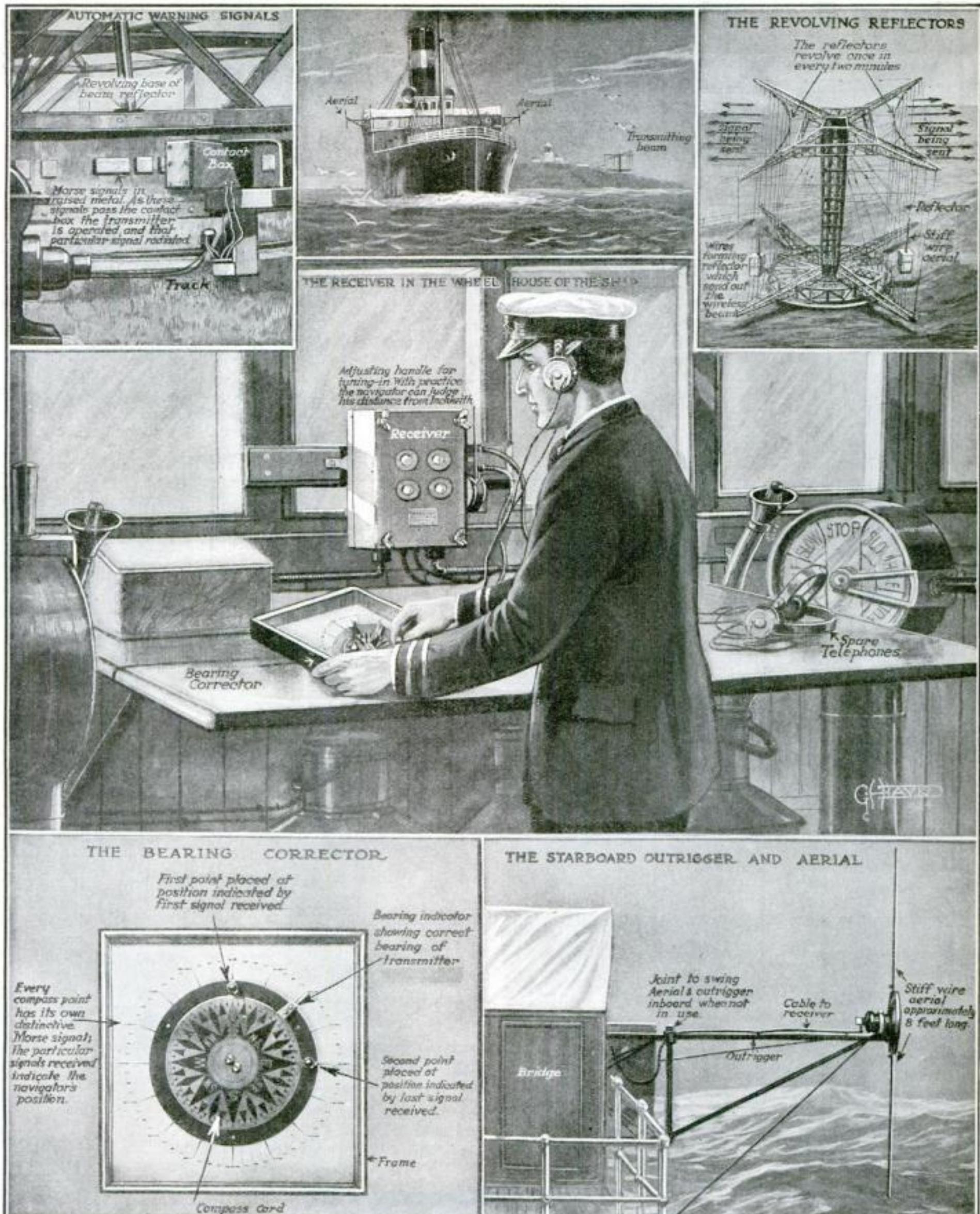
efficiency because of the difficulty of getting a good aerial on the train. There already exists a system of two-way conversation. Successful transmission over an appreciable distance from a moving train, however, has yet to be developed.

Talk over Power Lines

THE system of "wired wireless" which at one time threatened the supremacy of radio, is rapidly finding its utility in communication work for light and power companies. Recent laboratory work followed by practical application on the lines of a power company in Indiana have resulted in important gains in efficiency.

Under the new arrangement a metallic circuit is used exclusively in place of the ground connection. Communication is accomplished by placing a carrier of radio frequency on the power line, and modulating it in exactly the same manner as in the usual broadcasting system. The amount of power necessary is comparatively small, for the wave is confined to the line that carries electric power for industrial purposes.

The metallic circuit is obtained by using one wire outward, and a different wire for return. An increased efficiency of 500 per cent is claimed. In cases of emergency, communication can be maintained.



The "Radio Lighthouse"—An Amazing New Use for Marconi Beams

AN IMPORTANT new commercial application of Marconi's reflected beam system of short-wave communication is the use of the beams for a "radio lighthouse." This new system, perfected by Marconi and C. S. Franklin, his assistant, is explained in the above drawings made by G. H. Davis from sketches during the first successful experiments in guiding the steamship *Royal Scot* past the rocky island of Inchkeith in the Firth of Forth.

The reflector that sends out the radio beam consists of a series of vertical wires arranged in

parabolic curves. It is rotated around the radio transmitter, just as the reflector of a lighthouse is revolved around the lantern. At the base of the reflector are a number of Morse signals in raised metal, each signal corresponding to a given direction on the compass. As these dots and dashes pass a contact box, the transmitter operates and radiates the corresponding signal.

In the ship is a compass card, with pointers attached, called the "bearing corrector." Around this card are Morse signals corresponding to those

on the base of the projector. Thus, when the ship's navigator hears a certain signal, he sets one pointer to the point of the compass indicated. Then, when he hears it again, he adjusts a second pointer in a similar way. An indicator spaced midway between these points then gives him the correct bearing of the "lighthouse." By a tuning device he also can tell how far he is from the "lighthouse."

The signals are picked up by stiff wire aerials attached to outriggers on each side of the ship.

Confessions of a Radio Gyp

As Made to Newton Burke

How the cheaters "bootleg" tubes, fake condensers, and coils—An inside story filled with hints to protect your purchases

MAYBE you've noticed that there aren't as many radio stores as there used to be. Do you know why? It isn't that public interest in radio is dying. Far from it! The number of fans is increasing every day. But the gyps—the cheaters who jumped into radio on a "fly-by-night" basis when broadcasting began and reaped a golden harvest for a couple of years selling bad parts and sets for good money—they've begun to quit. They are closing up shop.

No, the game isn't played out altogether. There is still plenty of it going on. But it is getting harder every day. The public is getting radio-wise, and besides, the high-class musical-instrument stores and electrical shops have come into the industry with real business methods and are taking the trade away from the gyps fast.

These big stores have all kinds of facilities for pleasing the public. For example, they have credit backing that enables them to sell the best receiving sets on time. That's why the gyps are dropping out. I closed my store three months ago.

I MUST say, though, that while I was at it, radio was the softest thing I ever tried. When the craze first hit the country, the fans would flock to our stores in droves. They read everything that was printed about radio, and the newspapers had new circuits for them to try almost every day. They'd come to us looking for the parts specified in the newspaper articles, and we always had them on hand, because we had cheap help making them in a back room—imitations in junk of the parts made by national manufacturers. Coils wound on cardboard tubes, for example, that cost us perhaps 50 cents to make, and sold for six dollars each. Those were the good old days.

I remember when there was a run on variocouplers of the 180-degree type. These were made by a young man who had just started in business for himself. They were wound on bakelite tubes with double silk-covered wire. The two bakelite tubes were held together with an

aluminum frame that permitted the inside coil to be rotated through 180 degrees.

It was a fine coupler, there was a great demand for it, so we copied it. Only, instead of bakelite, we used cardboard painted black, and we took a mold of the aluminum frame and cast it in lead. Thus we were able to "reproduce" the coupler for a few cents.

The original coupler had a list price of \$6.50. We printed the same price on ours. Then we advertised them exten-

litigation to be completed; besides, you can generally find some interference claim against any patent; so it's pretty easy to infringe for awhile.

Take the regenerative circuits, for example. When radio sets began to sell widely, almost all licensed manufacturers were getting what today would be considered large prices for one-tube regenerative sets, and they couldn't supply half the demand. This furnished a situation that we found made to order for us.

We collected the cheapest parts we could find and hooked them up regenerative style. We always could find some young amateur who would supervise the job and see that it was done correctly. Cut-rate advertising did the rest.

OUR "beautiful mahogany" cabinets were stained pine. Our "genuine bakelite" or "hard rubber" panels were "mud"—cheap powder molded in a form. And the fans who bought these sets thought we were public benefactors because of our prices!

Condensers didn't even cause us the trouble of making them. They were shipped to us by gyp manufacturers, all ready to sell; for, of course, there were almost as many gyp manufacturers as storekeepers. They would copy all the popular models of condensers, using tin plate instead of aluminum or brass, and fiber insulation.

Tubes undoubtedly were our best line. In fact, they were the first thing to be "bootlegged" in radio. The tube bootlegger, who, of course, was a man who was manufacturing tubes without a license, would move his plant overnight if the licensed manufacturers happened to locate it, and open up in a new place the next morning. Then some of the big independent manufacturers discovered there was some uncertainty in the law covering the tube patent. After that it wasn't necessary for the gyps to move so often, and they turned out tubes faster than ever.

Tubes were bound to be a profitable line for the gyps, because the licensed manufacturers couldn't come within miles of supplying the early demand. At first

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Beware the Trickster!

His "solid mahogany" is stained pine.

His "genuine bakelite" and "hard rubber" panels are cheap composition.

His cut-rate tubes are "rebuilt."

His "aluminum" condenser plates are tin.

His tuning coils are wound on cardboard.

He sells you "standard" sets and parts that never saw the factory of the manufacturer whose name and trademark they bear.

Here's the inside story of the Radio Gyp and his methods—an exposure of his tricks; vital information that may prevent you from being swindled.

It is an article that brings home to us the value of dealing with concerns with established reputations for honesty and fairness.

As you read this story, remember that you have at your service the Popular Science Institute of Standards. A list of products, tested and approved by its engineers, will be sent you on request.—THE EDITOR.

sively at cut rates, and sold thousands of them at four dollars each. The man who designed the coupler soon went out of business. The big car I'm driving today was bought on the profits I made on that deal.

ONE of our best tricks was to make up some piece of junky apparatus, give it an impressive name, put it in a good box with a pretty wrapper, and then label it "patent pending," or "patent applied for." We'd invariably sell thousands of such articles, whether they had any place in a radio set or not.

And of course the fact that an article was patented never bothered us. It always takes time, you know, for patent

How I Play Radio Doctor

Simple Remedies that Will Keep Your Set out of Trouble

By M. B. Sleeper

IF YOU own a radio set, the chances are that you have some "expert" friend who very willingly offers to help you out when anything goes wrong. He tells you he has built several radio sets himself and knows all about them.

And the chances are that if you have invited him to dig into your set, you have found that instead of improving it, he has left it worse off than before. Likewise, you have discovered, perhaps, that whenever you yourself try to tinker with your set to make it perform better, you succeed only in causing yourself all kinds of trouble.

If you had a sore ankle that impeded your walking, you wouldn't let some friend perform a major operation on your vital organs, would you?

Why, then, should you operate on the vital mechanism inside the cabinet of your radio set when the trouble may be nothing more than a broken antenna wire or a bad ground connection?

Yet the fact remains that radio-set owners by the thousands persist in doing the most absurd things in trying to shoot trouble where there is nothing wrong at all.

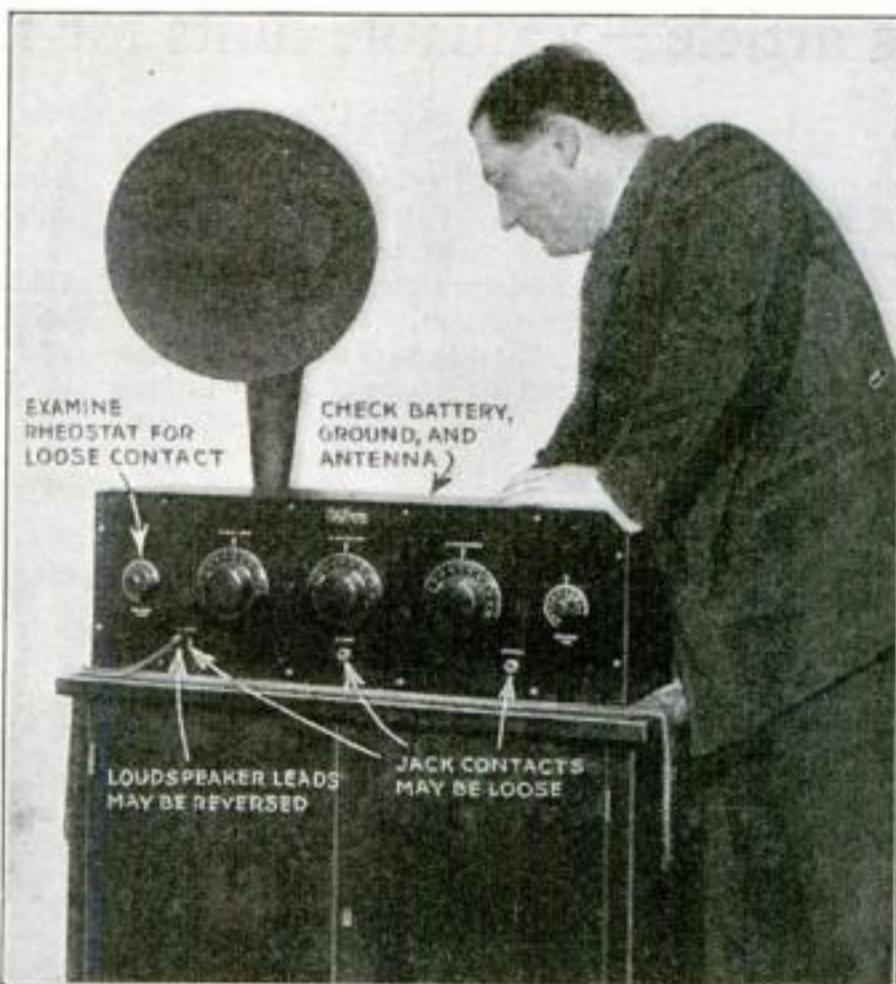
THE old adage that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" never was more truthfully applied than it is to radio. I have found in my own case, though,

that in a real sense I can play doctor to my radio set successfully without ever touching its delicately constructed and sensitive inner mechanism. My remedies, when my set isn't

working right, are as simple as bandaging a cut finger. And because they are remedies that the owner of any radio set can apply, I am describing them in this article.

The first thing to remember, then, when your set isn't performing just right, is that radio outfits built by reputable concerns are so thoroughly inspected that there is very little likelihood anything will go wrong inside if they are given reasonably good care. In 99 cases out of a hundred, the trouble lies outside the set itself—in the tubes, the batteries, telephones, loudspeaker, antenna or ground.

Whatever the symptoms of trouble are,



"When your set fails to work right," says Mr. Sleeper, widely known radio engineer, "the chances are 99 out of 100 that the trouble lies outside the set itself, and can be remedied without prying within the cabinet." Common sources of trouble are shown in the photograph above and in the small sketches on this page

the best thing to do is to test these points in the order in which I shall give them.

Before anything else, look at your antenna. Make sure it is up. See that the lead-in is not broken. Look for a metal object that might have fallen on it. Examine the antenna binding post on the set for perfect connection.

Go over the ground lead in the same way. Frequently it is kicked off and broken. Perhaps the connection with the water pipe has become corroded. I know of one case where, in changing the plumbing, a pipe was disconnected from the water system so that it served as a ground no longer. If the antenna lead or ground wire is insulated, the wire may have broken inside the insulation.

When the tubes fail to light, either the A battery has run down, or the wires have become loose, or the contacts in the filament control jacks do not touch, or the socket contact springs have been bent down so that they do not touch the pins on the tubes, or

the tubes have burned out. If the tubes burn dimly, the A battery probably is low. Remove all but one tube from the set and see, when the one remaining tube is lighted, if it burns below its normal brilliancy. If so, new dry cells are required or the storage battery must be recharged.

DO NOT test either dry cells or the storage battery by short circuiting, to see if there is enough energy to make a good spark. That test tells nothing and runs down the batteries. Every radio-set owner should have a good voltmeter. It must be of 10,000 ohms resistance. Such a meter costs about eight dollars. If you cannot spend that much money, do not get one at all, for the pocket type is worthless in testing radio batteries. Get a voltmeter to read up to 50 volts. This will serve both for the A and B batteries.

Four dry cells connected in series should read not less than five volts, or the same value for a storage battery. The best test on a storage battery, however, is made with a hydrometer. Full directions for its use come with it. It will tell you the exact state of the battery, whether it is fully charged, half charged, or entirely discharged. A hydrometer costs about a dollar and a half. If you are going to have guests and want to make sure that there is enough energy in the battery to last through the evening's entertainment, test the battery the day before. Then you will have time enough to charge it if it is dangerously low.



SEE IF SPRINGS HAVE BEEN BENT DOWN

THE first test for the B batteries is to put the set in operating condition, with the tubes lighted. Then disconnect the negative terminal of the B battery. This



should give a strong click in the phones or loudspeaker. If it does not, the B batteries have run down, the jack is not making perfect connections with the telephone plug, there is a loose connection in the plug, a broken lead in the telephone cord or the telephones themselves are defective.

These latter points also apply to loudspeakers. Test the batteries with your high resistance voltmeter. Each 22-volt unit should read at least 17 volts, or each 45-volt unit at least 34 volts. If the

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A-B-C's of Radio Language

If the names of parts in your set puzzle you, you should read this article—Valuable hints for the novice

By Robert E. Martin

ONE of the most difficult things to understand about radio is radio language. Many a broadcast fan, I am sure, has been frightened away from learning something more about his receiver than how to set the dials because, when he sought information, he found himself lost in a maze of technical terms.

Yet the language of radio is no more difficult than the language of baseball, or the language of finance, once you have the key. You would scarcely expect a baseball writer to explain in detail just what a "base on balls" was every time he had occasion to use the term.

Similarly, the radio writer or the radio engineer in describing a hook-up would find it most inconvenient to say, "you insert here a resistance device connected from the grid of the vacuum tube to the filament to prevent the likelihood of the tube's failing to function properly through too high voltages collecting on the grid." So he says instead, a "grid leak," which, when you understand its purpose, you admit is an apt and graphic term.

IN OTHER words, the terms of radio, which may seem like a foreign language to you, really are used for convenience—yours as well as that of the radio engineer.

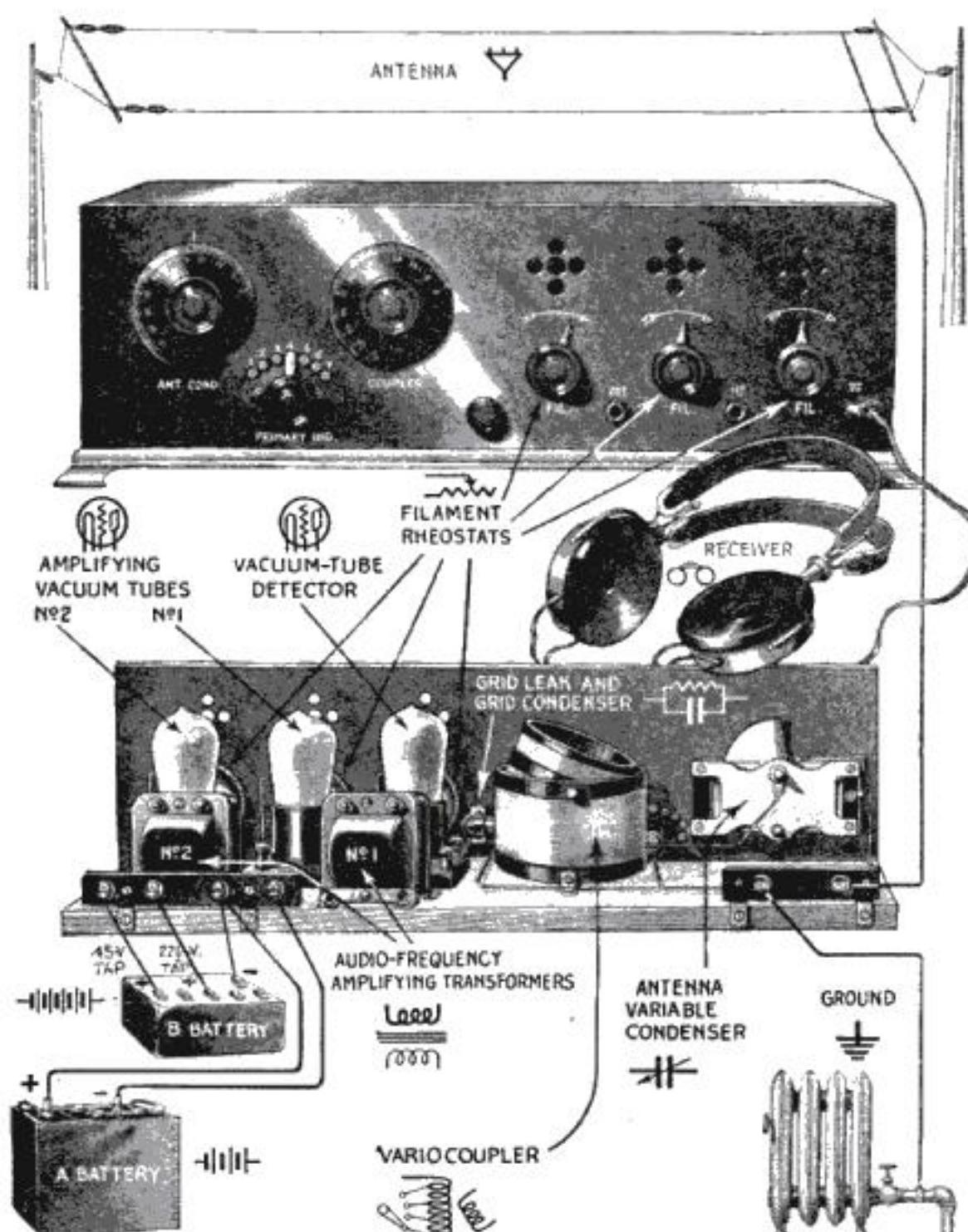
These are the real a-b-c's of radio, and to understand radio without knowing what they mean is quite as impossible as it would be to understand an automobile without knowing the difference between a spark plug and a carburetor.

There are two ways that occur to me of learning the terminology of radio. The first is the obvious way. Get a good radio textbook, go off to a quiet room, and study. That method, however, probably wouldn't be particularly enjoyable. The second method consists of thinking in radio terms as you operate your receiving set. That you can do without in any way interfering with your enjoyment of the

broadcasting. Let us see how you can go about it.

A few days ago, in the radio laboratory of the Popular Science Institute of Standards, I saw a three-tube set, having a detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification. If you read my last article, you will recall that this means a set that not only can pick up broad-

mary Inductance," "Coupler," and three knobs are lettered merely "Fil." Your friend has explained to you how pulling out a little nickeled button connects the batteries with your set. He has told you that you place your telephone plug in the orifices marked "Detector," "First Stage," and "Second Stage," depending on how loud you wish the signals to be. He has told you that the three little knobs lettered "Fil." are not to be turned beyond a certain point unless you want to buy a new tube to replace one that has been burnt out. Then he has told you that by turning the two dials and the other knob you could tune in broadcasting — probably demonstrating how it was done—and left you to your own resources.



Front and rear views of one of the simplest forms of radio receiver, with each part accompanied by its name and symbol. If you study the purpose of each part in

casting, but can magnify received signals so that you can hear them better.

Now, imagine you have bought this set, and, with the assistance of some friend who has had experience in radio, have installed it in your home. A and B batteries are connected properly, your aerial is up, and your ground connection has been made.

On the front of the set—the "panel"—are two dials and four little knobs. These are lettered "Antenna Condenser," "Pri-

your set as explained by Mr. Martin, you will see how aptly each name is applied, and it will soon lose its terror. These names are the real a-b-c's of radio science

through which an electric current is flowing to become a magnet. Whenever you have a coil of wire connected in a radio set, you have an inductance. If a second coil of wire be placed near the first, the magnetism of the first coil will transfer electrical energy to the second coil by induction, the coils being called respectively the primary coil and the secondary coil.

The two coils need not be in contact; *(Continued on page 174)*

Who Can Build the Smallest Set?

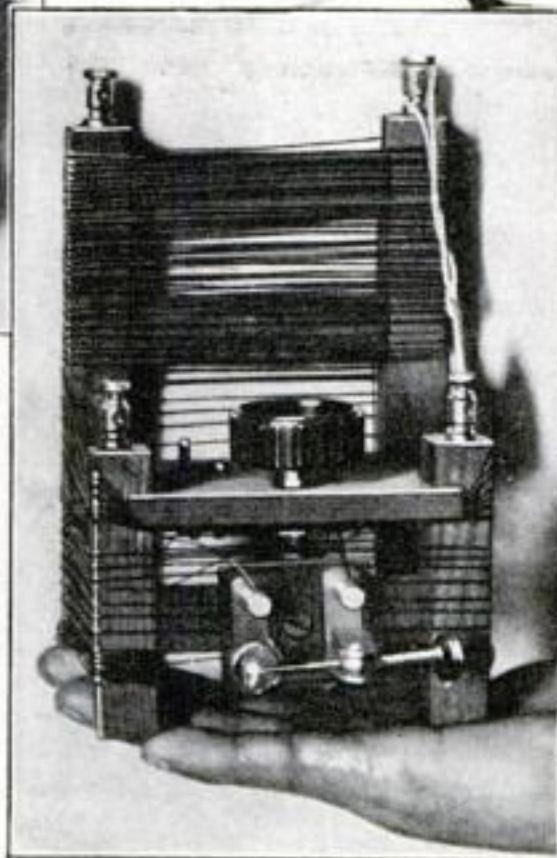
Amazing Midget Receivers and Parts Displayed at Radio Fairs

Recent radio fairs have brought to light what are probably the smallest receiving sets and parts in the world. Below is a midget head phone, about the size of a finger-nail, that was made by E. Dickey of Dayton, Ohio

Did you ever try to see how small you could make a receiver? Herman Burgess of Washington, D. C., made the finger-ring crystal set shown below. It is only a quarter of an inch long and wide, yet Burgess declares that it will bring in local stations clearly



Building receiving sets into miniature pieces of furniture has become a fascinating new pastime. The tiny crystal set built into a piano, shown above, is the work of C. W. G. Brown of Chicago, Ill. It has a close rival for smallness in the ingenious "electric chair" set (at the right) built by Leonard Aswald of the same city. In each case you can get an idea of the size of the midget by comparing it with the hand that is supporting it



Ivan Nedland, of Hillsboro, N. Dak., claims the distinction of building the world's smallest workable loudspeaker. It fits on a 25-cent piece

Below are six of the smallest sets and parts, placed on a ruler to show their size. From left to right they are: Crystal set built by Henry Dahl of Minneapolis; another by Edith Boreman of Bethany, Neb.; a tiny dry cell built by Patsy Cordi of Derry, Pa.; a crystal set made by Dr. Hugo Thompson, of Springfield Mass.; a complete midget loudspeaker unit built by J. W. Fuller, Jersey City, N. J., and a crystal set built by T. L. Cranston, Toronto, Canada. All of them actually work



How I Get the Most out of Two Tubes

An Unusually Compact Loudspeaker Set You Can Build Cheaply

By H. G. Silbersdorff

EVERY so often a new circuit appears. A few odd-looking connections shown in the diagram bite into the curiosity bump that we all have, and before we know it we are lying awake nights wondering how this part can be



H. G. Silbersdorff, noted New York expert on reflex receivers, with the new loudspeaker set which, he says, has proved it will give the utmost that can be expected from two tubes without sacrificing quality

made, or how that point can be arranged to get the shortest leads to the tube.

After spending much time and money in experimenting with the so-called new circuit, we come to the conclusion that there really is nothing new about it, and charge the whole item off to experience.

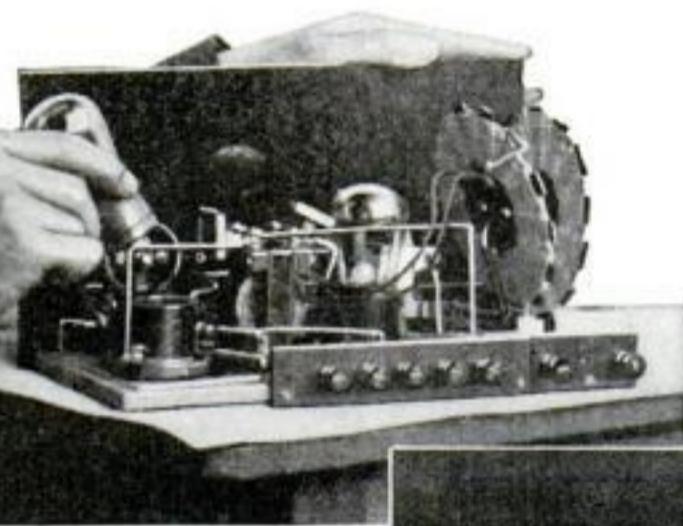
ONE tube has the ability of giving us just so much selectivity, volume, and distance. Two will give us just so much more of either volume or distance, and the same applies when three are used. Regardless of the circuit, if losses have been considered in the construction of the set, we can hope to get only as much out of one or two tubes as is in those tubes. In other words, we can get only as much out of the tubes as the circuit will permit us to take.

Some circuits are admittedly better than others, and it is noteworthy that the circuits from which we obtain the most

pleasing results are those that lean toward standard practices in radio-circuit designing. Many tricks have been resorted to to eliminate losses, and when a standard circuit is incorporated into a set in which care has been taken to avoid these losses of electrical energy, the results usually are surprising.

The circuit I am presenting here is that of a two-tube receiver which, according to tests, will give about all that can be expected of two tubes. It is a combination of radio frequency, regeneration, and reflex. It is comparatively simple to construct, takes up little room, is economical in operation, easy to operate, and will afford loudspeaker volume. A large number of the distant stations can be heard with a good degree of consistency.

An added attraction is the fact that the set can be made up compactly, requiring but a seven-by-12-inch panel and cabinet. This puts it into the semi-portable class, so that it can be placed in the tool compartment in the rear of your car, should you want it there.



The parts required are:

- 1 7 by 12 panel
- 1 7 by 12 cabinet
- 2 spider-web forms
- 1 spider-web form bracket
- 2 tube sockets
- 1 rheostat
- 1 audio-frequency transformer, 10 to 1
- 1 iron core, radio-frequency transformer
- 1 .0005-mfd. variable condenser
- 1 .00025-mfd. condenser with grid-leak clips
- 1 .001-mfd. mica fixed condenser
- 2 .00025-mfd. mica fixed condenser
- 1 open-circuit telephone jack
- 1 grid-leak mounting
- 6 binding posts
- 3/4 lb. No. 22 d.c.c. magnet wire
- 1 closed-circuit telephone jack
- 1 1/2-megohm grid leak
- 1 piece hard rubber, 1 1/4 by 8 by 1/4 inches
- 1 baseboard, 11 by 8 inches

An assortment of wood screws, bus bar, spaghetti, and soldering iron, also will be necessary.

In building the set, the first task is to

wind the spider-web forms. These can be obtained in any radio-supply store; in fact, even the 5 and 10 cent stores offer complete forms, together with the adjusting arm and knob.

The first form contains both the primary winding, which is untuned and consists of 10 turns of wire, and the secondary, which consists of 45 turns of No. 22 wire. The winding of this form is so arranged that the 10-turn primary is located in the center of the secondary winding. That is, start winding the secondary coil, and after making 22 turns, do not cut the wire, but leave the end loose and start winding the primary. When 10 complete turns have been made, leave a lead of about six inches and then continue winding the remaining 23 turns of the secondary. Be sure both windings go in the same direction and wind the wire tightly, otherwise trouble will be experienced in getting the proper number of turns on the form.

THE tickler-coil, which is wound next, consists of about 20 turns of the same size wire. I say about 20 turns because this will vary in some cases. In operation, if trouble is experienced in getting the set to oscillate on the lower waves, it will be necessary to add a few more turns. Using an aerial consisting of a single wire 110 feet long, the set seems to break into easy oscillation on all wave lengths when about 18 turns are used. It is something for the individual to experiment with.

The diagram is self explanatory. The



Front view of the panel, showing the remarkable simplicity of operation. Besides the variable condenser dial, the only tuning control is the knob at the lower left, which operates the coil controlling regeneration

one point that varies from the usual practice is the insertion of the tickler coil in the plate of the radio-frequency tube, which gives radio-frequency regeneration. Tests showed that the set had less tendency to squeal and howl when it was inserted at this point, rather than in the plate circuit of the detector tube.

The circuit will howl when the tickler

coil is advanced too far. Preventing this is simply a matter of becoming familiar with the operation of the circuit and noting the best points of advancement for the coil on given wave lengths. As in other types of regenerative circuits, when a station is first tuned in, a whistle will be heard as the tuning condenser dial is adjusted. The next operation is to reduce the regenerative action by separating the secondary and tickler coils. When once a station is logged, it always can be obtained at a later time on the same setting.

Occasionally, in a set of this type, even with the addition of extra turns on the tickler coil, difficulty is experienced in getting the set to oscillate on the lower wave lengths. If this should be the case, the insertion of a grid leak with a value of .075 across the primary of the audio transformer will bring the desired results.

As a matter of fact, a leak at this point always is an advantage, for it enables the set to break into easy oscillation over the entire wave-length scale—a thing that is necessary to obtain long-distance reception.

A word about the transformers. Select a radio-frequency transformer made by a nationally known manufacturer. A curve usually can be obtained on a good transformer, and this, it should be noted, must cover the broadcasting range. For reflex circuits such as this a transformer having

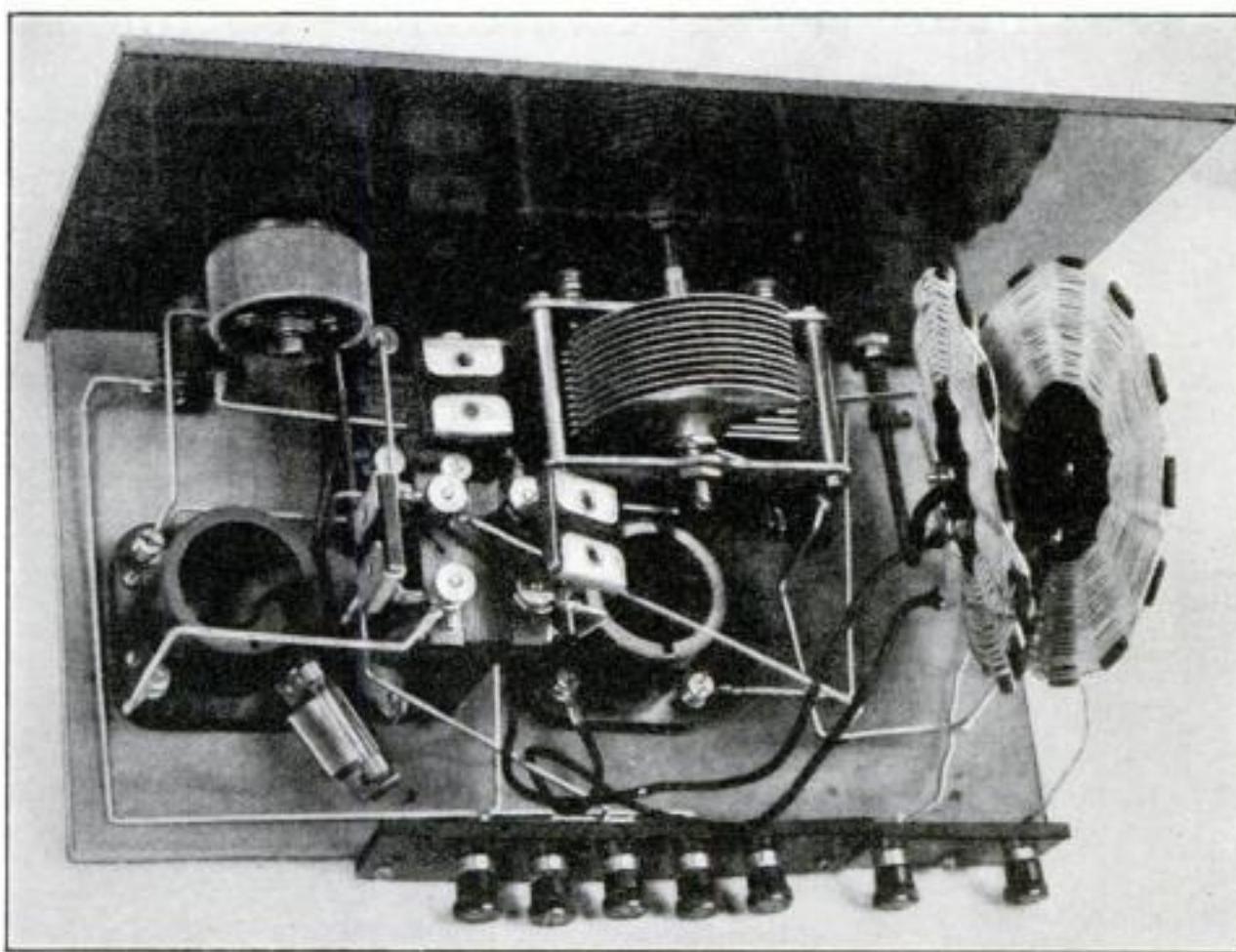
The set will operate with any of the standard tubes, although greater volume can be obtained with the UV-201A type. If you use these tubes, which have their filaments connected in parallel, a

in a corked bottle overnight makes the ideal soldering liquid. After a joint is once made with this mixture, the alcohol dries quickly from the heat, leaving a clean joint that will cause no troublesome noises in the set after it has been in use a year or more.

For the most satisfactory results it will be well to follow closely the wiring diagram shown on this page. The rear-view photograph, showing arrangement of parts and wiring, will serve as a guide to aid you in making the connections.

The importance of tight connections cannot be over-emphasized; for on them depend the real quality of reception.

With a good aerial and ground, I have found that this set gives me everything in the air that I want to hear.



Rear view of the two-tube set, showing the compact arrangement and wiring of the parts

20-ohm rheostat must be supplied.

The current drawn from the two tubes is only half an ampere, and under this load a reasonable amount of service can be obtained with the use of four dry cells connected in series. Needless to say, because of the steadier current obtained, the ideal thing is the storage battery, which can be of six volts and for service with two tubes about 60 ampere hours.

Using the WD-11 or WD-12 types of tubes, three or four dry batteries connected in parallel and a six-ohm rheostat give good results. Usually these tubes will not permit the use of a higher plate voltage than 45, consequently the volume

will not be as great as in the case of tubes for which the voltage can be raised to 90 volts, giving ample volume for the average household on a loudspeaker.

A little care in wiring the set will pay. After wiring many sets of various type, I have found that the very best kind of soldering flux to use can best be made at home at slight cost.

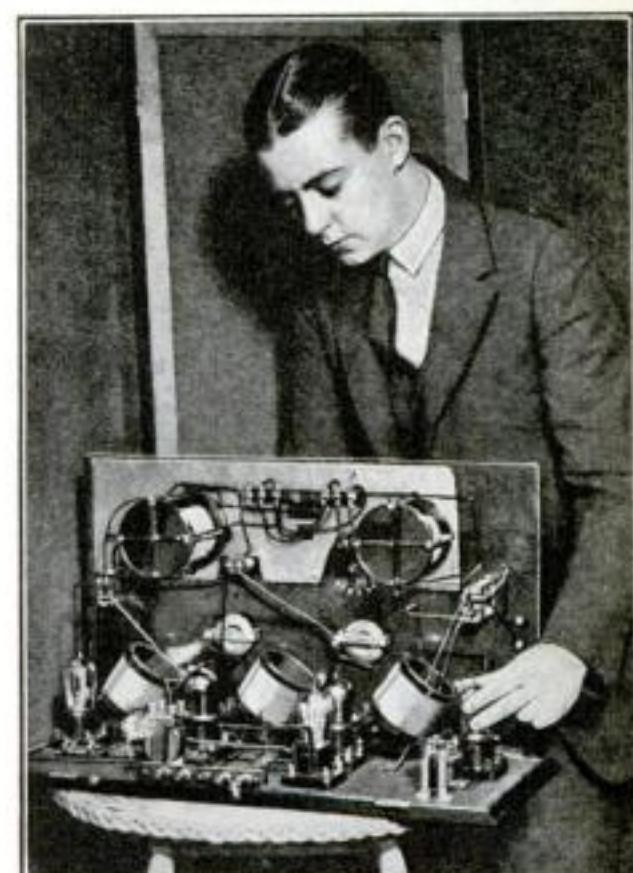
It consists of a mixture of one part of powdered rosin to 10 parts of alcohol. Pure rosin can be obtained in any musical supply store in the block form. A fair sized piece is placed in a piece of cloth forming a bag and crushed to fine powder by pounding it with a hammer on a cement floor. Powdered rosin also can be obtained, but it usually contains much dust and dirt and therefore is not advisable for radio work.

One teaspoon of powder dissolved in 10 parts of alcohol and allowed to stand

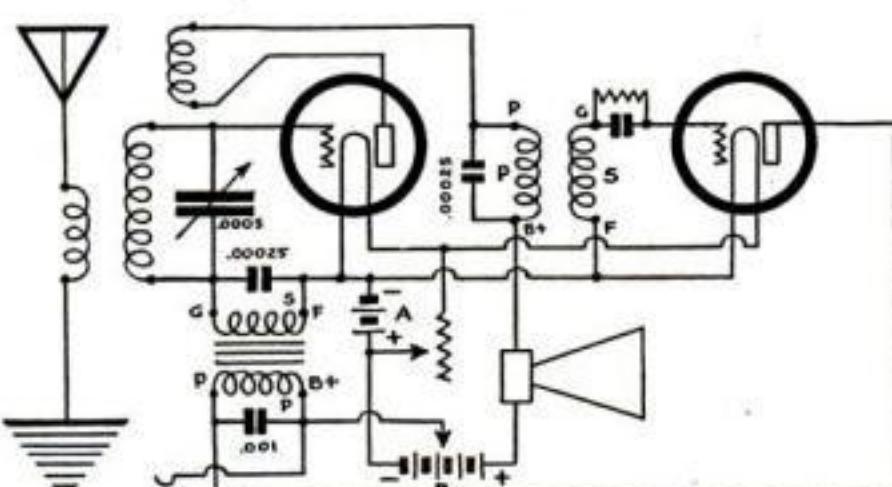
Two Sets in One for Long and Short Waves

ONE of the most unusual of the new feats of radio construction is a two-in-one receiver combining on a single panel a three-circuit honeycomb-coil set for long-wave reception, and a neutrodyne set for short-wave reception. The same set of tubes is used for both sets and two different programs can be heard simply by throwing the change-over switches.

The set is neatly and compactly constructed and is said to be very efficient. It was designed by Rutledge R. Mayo, of New York City, who is shown below with his instrument.



The two-in-one set and its builder



Wiring diagram that should be followed closely in building the set

a small core of iron will be necessary. On the audio side, a transformer having a ratio of about 10 to one will give about the best results. A single-circuit telephone jack is connected across the primary of the audio transformer. This enables you to listen in with one stage of radio-frequency and the detector, the phones being connected across this transformer. You can tune in a station accurately while the loudspeaker is still in operation.

Longer Life for Dry Cells

How to Make Them Work Overtime—Useful Radio Hints

IF YOU use the large type of dry-cell vacuum tubes in your set, you probably have wondered often how you might make use of dry cells that you are forced to discard simply because the amperage has dropped below the minimum required to operate the tube. Almost always these cells have a good deal of "juice" left, which it always seems a shame to waste.

You can make use of the remaining current in the following way:

When you get a new set of four dry cells, instead of discarding the worn-out ones, store them away in a cool, dry place. Then in about six or eight weeks, when the new battery seems about ready to die, connect one of the old cells to make five cells in series.

Immediately you will see your battery take on new life. And when the five-cell combination gets too weak to work properly, add a sixth from your store of old ones; then a seventh and an eighth.

Finally when the eight-cell battery gives up, you will feel that you have your full money's worth and will be ready to throw the cells away. Before doing so, however, salvage the sealing-wax tops, breaking the material with a hammer.

This extremely sensitive new German loop aerial can be folded into various shapes, offering varying degrees of selectivity, and thus making it a tuner

Also pry off the brass screw connectors. Wax and screws both may come in handy later.

Thus you can make your batteries work to the limit for you and be satisfied that you have got the utmost from them.

a different color for each lead, perhaps as follows:

Red—30-volt positive B-battery wire. Red and white—22½-volt positive B-battery wire. Yellow—negative B-battery wire. Green—positive A-battery wire.

Green and white—negative A-battery wire.

Remember that red and red and white indicate danger to your tubes.

FOR small soldering work about your set, soldering coppers to suit the conditions can be made from No. 4 copper wire. In one end of a three-inch length, drill a hole for the insertion of an iron handle wire. The other end can be sawed or filed to the shape desired—a point or a wedge.

Another way is to wind the copper wire around your soldering iron, letting the end of the wire extend beyond the point of the iron. The heat of the iron then will keep the soldering copper hot while the job is being done.



Here is a homemade loudspeaker that is very simple to construct. Lay one of the phones of your head set on the table, face upward. On this phone place a long, tubular tin horn about

18 inches long. Remove the light bulb from a reflector desk lamp, and place the reflector a few inches above the upper opening of the horn. The light reflector will act as a sound reflector

ACCORDING to recent estimates, more than 90 per cent of all vacuum tubes sold never live their full and intended life. Abuse and carelessness on the part of the users are given as the reasons why more than 9,000,000 tubes were sold last year.

You can make your tubes live longer if you light the filaments just up to the point of required loudness and no more. If you turn them on full blast, they will burn out rapidly, causing weak and distorted signals.

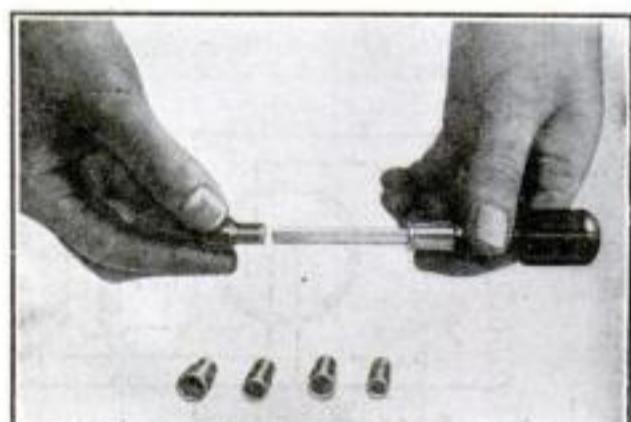
To guard against the danger of blowing out your tubes by high voltage from the

B battery, through an accidental short circuit, be careful to disconnect the positive wire of the B battery before changing wires or switching a tube.

If you are experimenting, it is a good plan to arrange a single-pole, double-throw switch somewhere on the table to open the circuit while making changes.

A DEFINITE color code for battery wires will aid you in distinguishing quickly between the various wires, and so may save you a lot of worry and expense. You can purchase bell wire with insulation in several different colors. Use

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For the man who builds his own set this five-in-one detachable socket wrench is an unusually handy tool, especially for tightening parts and connections. Five interchangeable sockets of various sizes fit over a handle resembling a long screwdriver in appearance

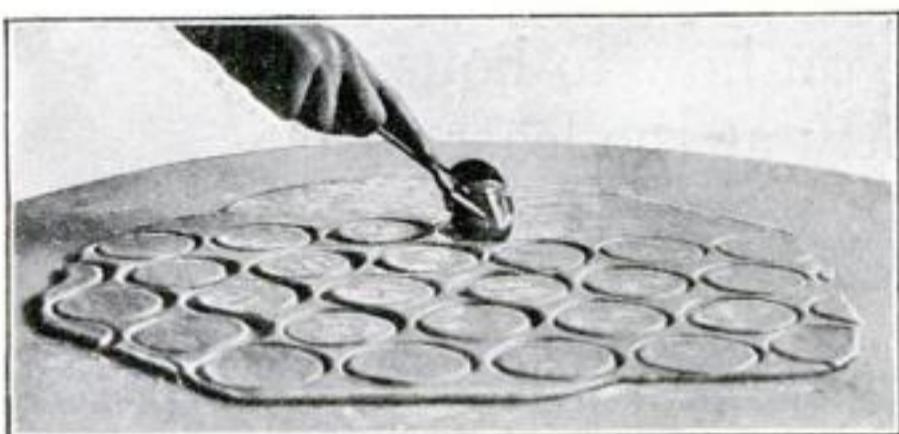
THE use of copper ribbon for aerials instead of ordinary solid or stranded wire is becoming increasingly popular with experimenters, because its large surface offers comparatively little resistance to the high-frequency currents.

One objection, however, is that it presents a flat side to the earth, and so acts as a condenser with fairly high capacity. To avoid this, the ribbon can be twisted like a stick of sugar candy, so that the flat surface is presented alternately. This cuts the capacity in half.



Keeping the Kitchen Up-to-Date

The Modern Housewife Studies Labor-Saving Devices



Made of heavy aluminum and easy to clean, this rotary biscuit-cutter is said to cut up biscuits, cakes, and cookies faster than the pastry-cook can count them

The potato-masher shown below has sharp, curved blades that not only mash the potatoes thoroughly, but beat them to a fine, creamy consistency

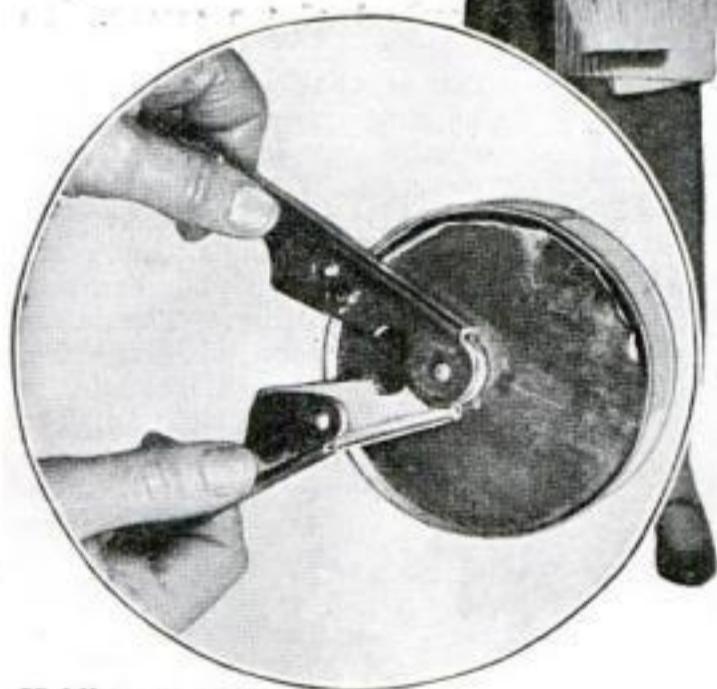
Women living in small apartments will welcome this miniature washing machine. It has one-sixth the capacity of a full-size washer and runs by water power. It is guaranteed for a year



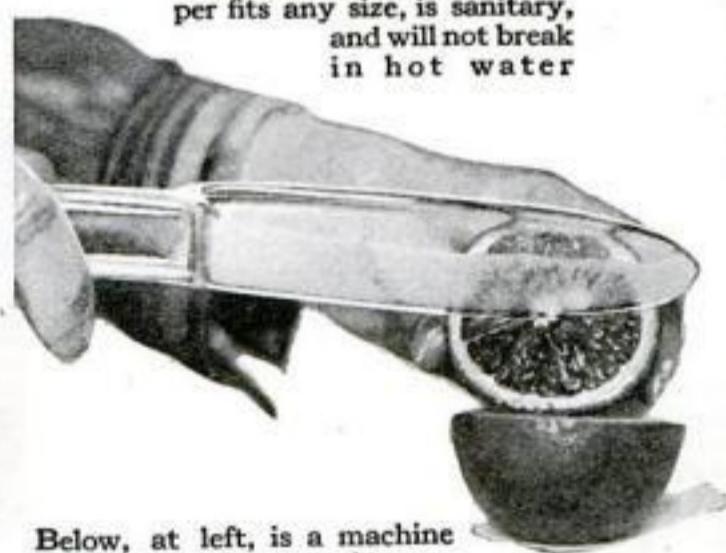
Easily adjusted, the door-rack at the left provides a hat or shoe shelf, eight hangers, a swinging bar for skirts and six hooks



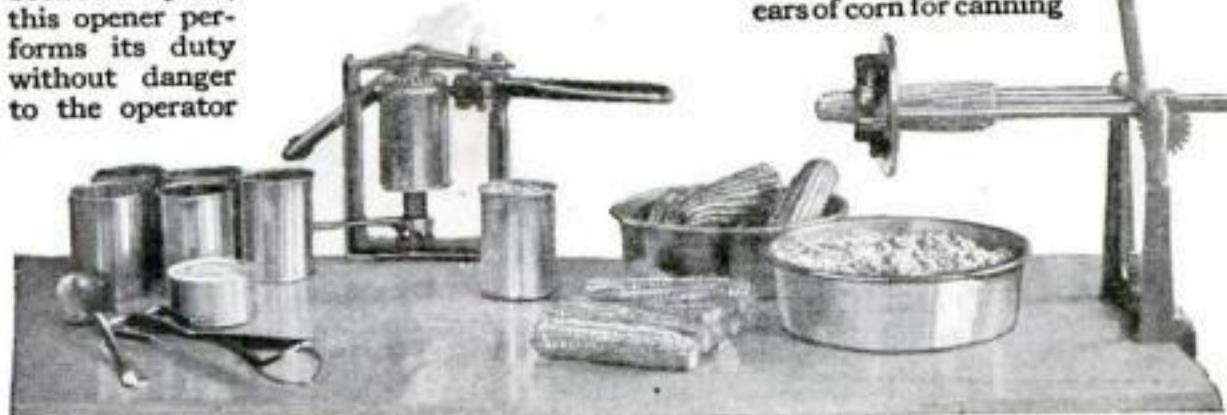
This glass milk-bottle stopper fits any size, is sanitary, and will not break in hot water



Holding a can between its jaws, this opener performs its duty without danger to the operator



Below, at left, is a machine that fastens covers on tin cans, rendering them airtight. At right is a corn-cutter that cuts kernels off ears of corn for canning



These glass containers with ridged edges, are built to save space in the icebox

Cutting fruit with silver was good enough until France sent us this stainless glass knife, which housewives will welcome



Two pie-pans that pivot on each other form a revolving stand for icing cakes. When not used for that purpose, they may be used as two ordinary pie-pans

How to Build A Garage to Fit Your Car

An experienced architect tells you how to house your automobile most conveniently at the least cost

By G. Gouverneur Ashwell

A FEW years ago a private garage—that is, one maintained by an automobile owner to house the family car—was likely to be anything from a converted woodshed or chicken-coop to a remodeled barn or cottage. Now, though, that the automobile has become an essen-

garage, guided by the over-all measurements of his car. He failed, however, to consider his front and rear bumpers. As a result, he couldn't close his garage doors.

He thought it would be necessary for us merely to remove the rear wall of the

or more from adjoining property, and, since this garage already was three feet from the property line at the rear, we had to make the addition at the front of the building.

SIMILAR requirements are made by the fire department or building department of virtually every town and city of the United States, so, if you contemplate building a garage, be sure, before the work is begun, that either you, or your architect or builder, submit the plans to the local building authorities for approval. This will save you from possible trouble later on.

Now, as to the size a garage should be. A Ford touring-car or sedan will fit comfortably in a space 12 feet long, five feet six inches wide, and six feet six inches high. Medium-priced cars vary in length from 15 to 17 feet; a Packard Standard Eight is 16 feet 10 inches long; a Cadillac, 16 feet. The medium- and higher-priced cars are about six feet in width and something less than seven feet high.

However, it would require more than expert aim to get any of these cars in or out of a garage the dimensions of which are exactly those of the car, without tearing off a mudguard or carrying away a doorpost of the garage. In other words, a close fit for your car is not to be sought in building your garage. You must allow plenty of room for clearance.

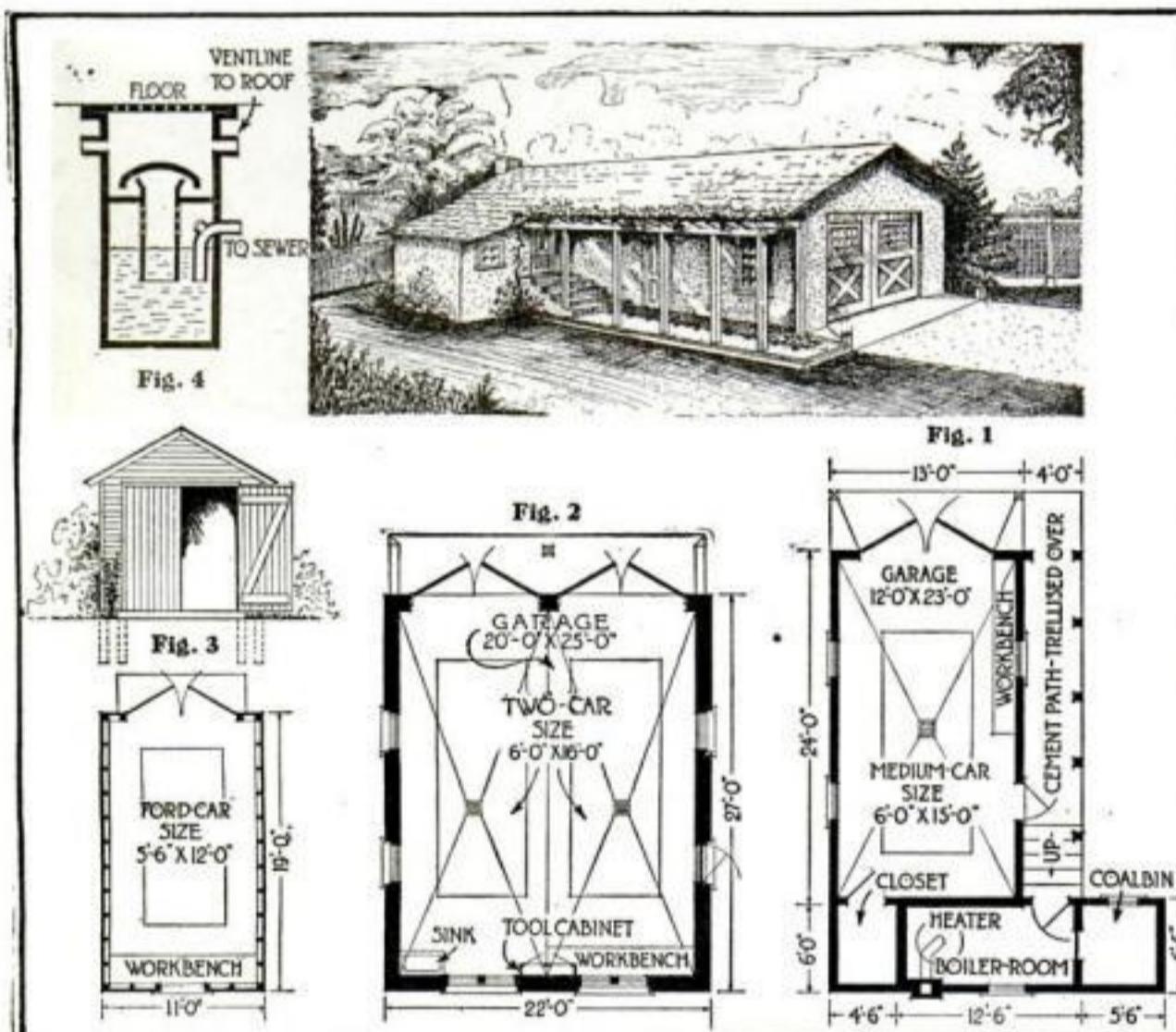
A safe rule is to make your doorway opening at least two feet wider than your car, and two feet higher. The latter

part of this rule, though, is elastic, for the height of the doorway must be increased if the runway leading from your driveway to the garage floor level is steep, or if you are in the habit of carrying articles on the roof of your car.

The doorway of a one-car garage should rarely be less than nine feet in width. For Fords, $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet will suffice in a pinch; for other cars $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet may do; but for all cars

the nine-foot doorway is decidedly best.

You can, of course, make the interior of your garage the same width as your doorway. Be sure, though, that you allow sufficient space to get in and out of



Plans prepared by the author, showing three types of garages. Which fits your needs best? Fig. 1 shows a very complete, but comparatively costly, garage for the medium-sized car. It is equipped with its own heating plant, as shown in the floor plan directly below the sketch. Fig. 2—Floor plan for a two-car garage. Fig. 3—Sketch and plan for small-car garage. Fig. 4—Plan of floor drain, with pipe to sewer and ventline to carry fumes to roof

tial part of the home—a sort of living-room on wheels—we house our cars in buildings constructed exclusively for that purpose and supplied with conveniences that make the operation of a car more pleasurable and its care less of a task. More, we build our garages in good taste so that they increase, rather than mar, the appearance of our homes.

First of all, a garage must be large enough to accommodate the car that is to occupy it. That may seem like an unnecessary statement; yet only a few weeks ago a man called at my office to ask me to prepare plans for the enlargement of his garage. He had bought a new home, and had attempted to construct his own



How a small-car garage was expanded to make room for a larger car. Rather than go to the expense of extending the size of the whole building, the owner simply built a small addition at the rear, where less head room naturally is required when the car is run in. Incidentally, the addition provides a support for the radio aerial mast

building and add an extension, but I found upon consulting the building inspector of the town that this was quite impossible. The local building ordinances required that garages be placed three feet

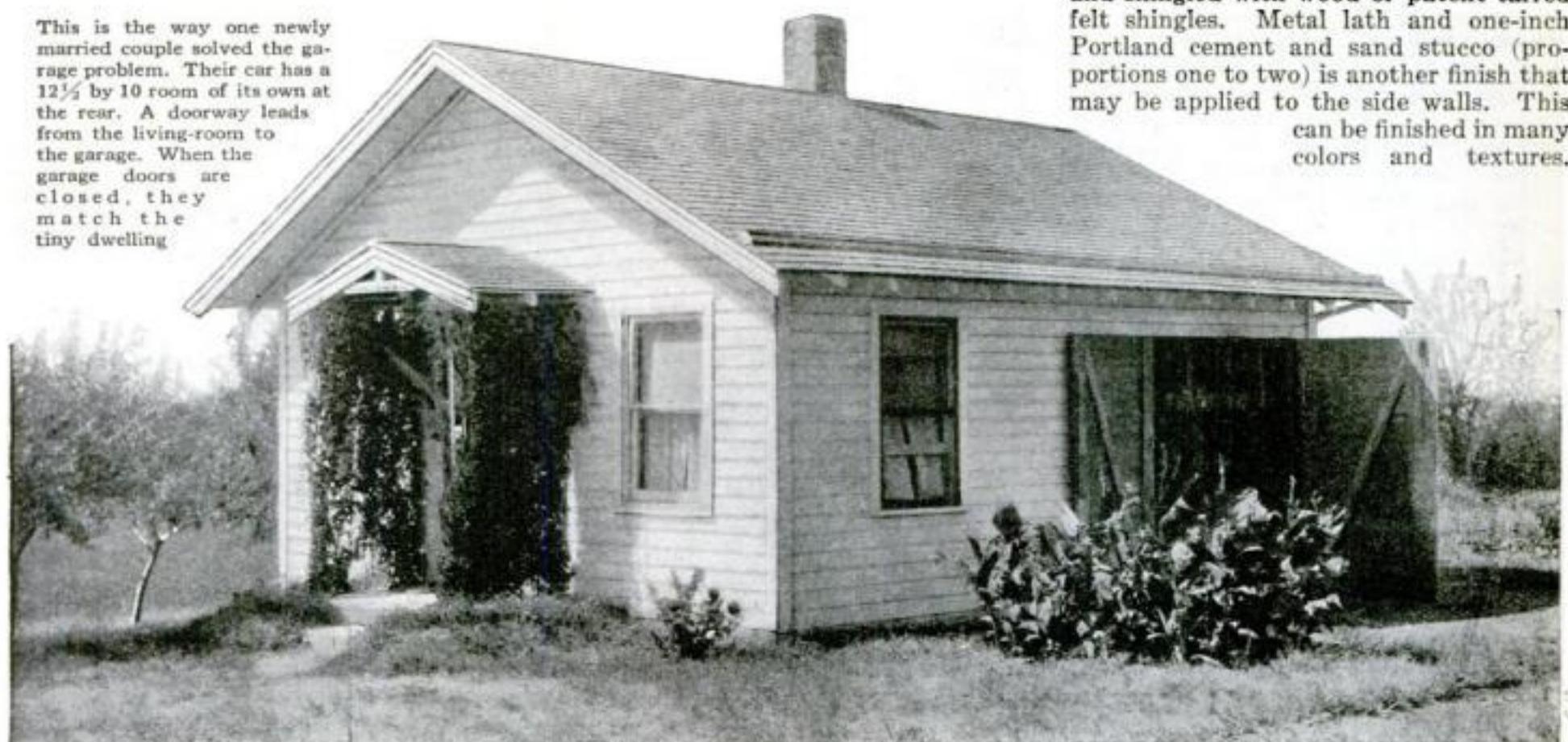
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You can, of course, make the interior of your garage the same width as your doorway. Be sure, though, that you allow sufficient space to get in and out of

the car and walk around it in comfort. An inside width of from nine to $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet is essential for this; while from 10 to 12 feet is better still, for in most garages space must be provided for the storage of garden tools, hose reels, lawn-mowers, baby-carriages, children's bicycles and wagons and similar appurtenances of family life.

THE minimum length of a garage for practicability is two feet longer than the over-all length of your car, including bumpers. However, as in the case of the width, it is poor policy to figure too closely. An extra two feet in length to allow for a workbench will prove a great convenience. You also will add to your convenience if you place a door, two feet six inches in width and six feet eight

This is the way one newly married couple solved the garage problem. Their car has a $12\frac{1}{2}$ by 10 room of its own at the rear. A doorway leads from the living-room to the garage. When the garage doors are closed, they match the tiny dwelling.



inches high, opening outward, in the side wall opposite the driver's seat. This door should have a glass upper half panel.

There should be one window in this wall, two in the other side wall, and at least one in the rear wall. Plenty of natural light will make it easier for you to work around your car and also save you money in electricity; for, if possible, your garage should be wired for electric light. Also it will be just that much better if it has a cement floor and runway, drainage, heat, and water supply.

HOWEVER, the first purpose of a garage is to supply adequate shelter for a car, and if it fulfills that purpose, many other details may be dispensed with, at least until you feel you can afford them.

The least expensive type of garage resembles an old-time shed or farm-wagon house. A garage of this kind you can build yourself, if you are handy with tools, at a total cost of from \$50 to \$100, depending on prices in your locality and the kind of materials you select. If you have not time to attempt the work yourself, you must add four or five days' carpenter labor to the cost of materials. Since the construction of this type of garage is fairly typical of all, I will describe it briefly.

Sink six-inch posts of chestnut, cypress

or locust, from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet into the ground, depending on the depth of the frost line. If brick or concrete is used for piers, they should be eight inches square. The posts should be placed from three to four feet apart and protrude from six to eight inches from the ground. One post should be at each corner and one under each doorway post. Nail boards to the inside of these all around from ground to top, saw off the tops level and square. Fill the floor from four to six inches deep with cinders or broken stone; tamp, wet down, and roll well.

On the posts or piers, except those at the main doorway, nail a two-by-four—better a four-inch-square spruce or hemlock plate. On this erect four-by-four door and corner posts and two-by-four stud-

seven-eighths inch by six inches will do for a rafter ridge.

The rafters may be covered with a seven-eighth-inch tongue-and-groove boarding, and this covered with good grade tar felt, asphalt, or patented roofing, in rolls or shingle effect, or the roof may be shingled with wood or asbestos shingles, laid on seven-eighths by two-inch shingle lath. The rafters should hang over the walls at least 12 inches.

THE side walls may be covered with novelty or beveled siding, directly on studs, or with seven-eighth-inch sheathing boards and building paper beneath, the latter being tighter and warmer, but costing more. Or the studs may be covered with seven-eighth-inch boarding and shingled with wood or patent tarred felt shingles. Metal lath and one-inch Portland cement and sand stucco (proportions one to two) is another finish that may be applied to the side walls. This can be finished in many colors and textures.

ding, eight feet long, from 18 to 20 inches on centers. Top off the studding with a four-by-four rafter plate. Rafters may be two-by-six, or, if the snowfall is light, two-by-four, set 18 inches on centers. Two-by-four tie beams, four feet apart, must cross the garage from the top of plates and be spiked to rafters. A board

Dressed pine or cypress, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch by two, should be used for doorway trim and at corners if siding on walls is installed.

For doors, plain battens, similar to the conventional barn doors, should be used. These can be constructed of seven-eighths by six-inch tongue-and-groove boarding, with three battens, $1\frac{1}{8}$ by eight inches, on back of each door—one across the top, one across the bottom, and one diagonally from top to bottom. Heavy iron strap hinges should be used.

PAINTED to match your house and partially screened by shrubbery, a garage of this sort will fit into almost any neighborhood. A light cornice of simple stock moldings along the eaves and up the gables will improve its appearance but add to the cost. Windows, a cement floor, and similar features may be included if desired.

Although this type of garage will house any car satisfactorily, if constructed in proper size, it is particularly adapted to the Ford or other light car.

Probably a more substantial type of garage will be desired, particularly by persons who own medium-priced or high-priced cars. The floor space in a garage of this kind should be not less than 10 by 22 feet for one car, or 20 by 25 for two, although 12 by 25 and 24 by 25 are better.

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Points to Remember

MAKE the opening of your garage doorway at least two feet wider than your car, and two feet higher.

Be sure your garage is at least two feet longer than the length of the car, including bumpers.

See that you have good ventilation, especially in the built-in garage, to safeguard you against the danger of gasoline fumes and poisonous carbon-monoxide gas from the exhaust.

Beware of open heating plants, such as gas, oil, or coal stoves.

Take care to comply with building and fire ordinances of your city or town.

When Your Engine Misses

It may be faulty ignition—What to do and how to do it—An expert's time- and labor-saving hints for your car—Vital parts of the ignition system and how to test them

By George A. Luers

"I'M DISGUSTED with my car," a friend of mine said to me the other day. "And it's all because the spark plug of one cylinder persists in getting fouled. Yesterday while I was out driving I had to replace the plug in that cylinder four times in 20 miles. The fifth time the plug fouled I had run out of spares, and the only thing left to do was to take it apart on the road, clean it, and replace it."

One hardly could blame this motorist for being out of sorts with his car. In an effort to find and remedy the trouble, he had spent considerable time and money, apparently in vain. He had a new piston fitted to the troublesome cylinder and the piston refitted with special oil seal rings. In addition, the cylinder had been reground.

A FEW days after he recited his troubles to me, my friend, quite by chance, met an electrical mechanic to whom he told the same story. The mechanic became interested enough to examine the engine. Inspection showed that all electrical terminals were in good contact, and that all the units of the ignition system apparently were functioning properly. By the process of elimination, he decided that the trouble must lie in the only vital moving part of the circuit—the circuit-breaking mechanism.

And here the whole disturbance was traced to an unusual cause. The cam operating the circuit breaker was found to be worn at its extreme end. Whenever the engine was speeded up, this worn spot failed occasionally to close the circuit, causing the engine to miss. Thus one small worn spot that could be remedied for about a dollar had resulted in a lot of unnecessary work and expense for repairs.

I have recited this experience simply to point out the importance of gaining a working knowledge of the ignition system of your car. For while the ignition sys-

tem is equally, if not more, important than the fuel system, its difficulties are more elusive. A leakage of fuel becomes evident immediately, whereas a leakage of electric current, while fully as vital, may not be detected unless you are acquainted with the various faults and troubles to which an ignition system is subject.

The usual ignition circuit consists

parts, or in the connecting wires, will interfere immediately with the proper firing of the cylinders, and it will be necessary to repair the trouble to obtain satisfactory operation of the engine. What repair to make depends upon your ability to trace the ignition current from its source to the final operation in firing the cylinder charge.

To test the primary circuit—the low-voltage circuit from the battery to the coil—a small test lamp or ammeter generally is used, while a spark gap is a method of testing the flow of secondary current, which is the current from the coil to the spark plugs. The spark gap, which is simply an opening in the circuit, can be obtained by removing a plug terminal about an eighth of an inch from the top of the plug.

The purpose of such systematic care of the ignition system is to maintain the original condition of the circuit. In other words, it is to see that all terminals are clean and tight, that the wires are free of breaks or abrasions, that the circuit breaker is in adjustment, that the switch is making positive contact, that the coil is dry and secure, the distributor parts intact, and the spark plugs in good condition.

BEGIN with the battery terminals. These become sulphated and must be cleaned, tightened, and coated with vaseline periodically.

The battery wire should be inspected for abraded sections and protected with strips of shellacked over any worn places.

Where any wires are adjacent to metal, it is advisable to tape them. Where they are in the vicinity of the engine, where oil would reach the tape, they should be wrapped with a shellacked strip of cloth that will not loosen when oil comes in contact with it.

The ignition switch on the dash should

What to Look for when Your Ignition System Fails

BELOW is a list of the things that may cause the ignition system of your car to go wrong. It was compiled by Mr. Luers from a long study of service-station repairs.

Cut out this list and tack it up in your garage for ready reference. It may save a lot of time and expense.

Here are the troubles to look for:

- Disconnected terminal or wire.
- Spark-plug gap too wide or closed.
- Oil, water, or dirt in circuit breaker.
- Water or "short" in distributor cap.
- Grounded primary wire.
- Wear or weak spring in the circuit breaker.
- Distributor cap loose or displaced.
- Pitted or defective contacts on circuit breaker.
- Breaker contact points out of adjustment.
- Ground in secondary wiring.
- Spark plugs dirty or carbonized.
- Spark-plug porcelain cracked.
- Defective coil.
- Defective contact at ignition switch.
- Leaking secondary cables.
- Ground through armored cable.
- Spark timing incorrect.
- Broken wire inside insulation.
- Spark-plug wires misplaced.

essentially of the following units, which are shown diagrammatically at the foot of page 89:

- Current source, battery, or generator.
- Switch.
- Circuit breaker.
- Coil.
- Distributor.
- Spark plugs.
- Difficulties or breakage of one or more

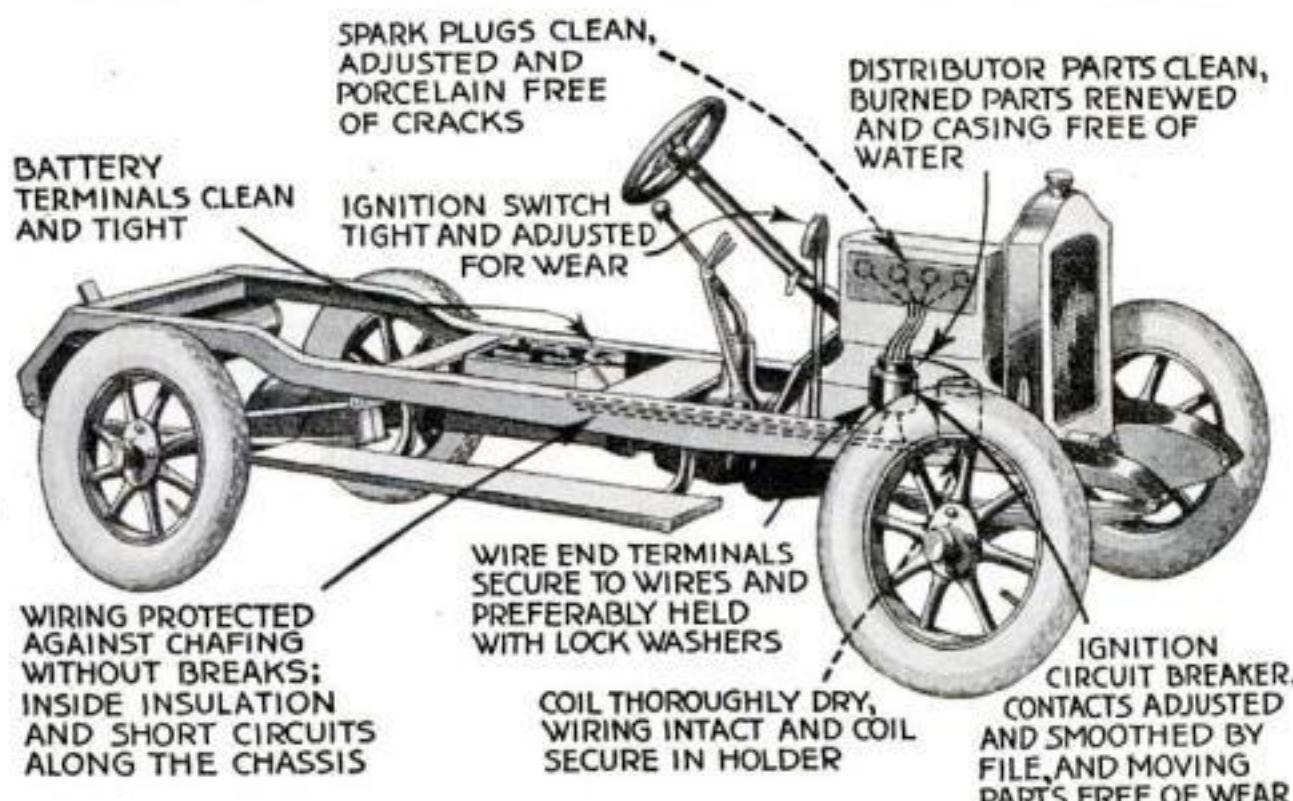
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be tightened, using a screwdriver and pliers to set up the small screws and nuts. The nuts of all terminals have a tendency to become loose, due to the vibration of the engine. Small lock washers such as are used on spark-plug central electrodes are serviceable guards against the nuts' backing off.

See that the circuit breaker is in



This diagram shows the important points to look out for in overhauling the ignition system of your car. Systematic attention to these items will maintain the circuit in good working condition

adjustment and that the contact points will snap in and out of contact with the movement of the breaker cam. The contact points should be separated a distance of at least a thirty-second of an inch.

THES points are made either of tungsten or platinum, and these must be made flat and even, free of ragged ends or pit marks, and rubbed with a Swiss or jeweler's file between the ends. The metal is thin and for that reason excessive filing must be avoided.

Wear of the roller, cam, or moving parts inside the igniter circuit breaker should be subjected to careful inspection. Frequently small particles of metal will be found inside the case, and this condition should be noted as a possible cause of future trouble. No attempts should be made to open the coil. The only work required here is that of making the contacts tight and also tightening the coil holder, for the holder is frequently a ground connection, and when loose will interfere with ignition.

The distributor rotor gradually will be burned away, though this condition will be found only after long use. The distributor cap requires little attention except to make sure that the snap fasteners and positioning pin hold the cap solidly against the distributor case and give the cap its proper relation to the rotor.

Spark plugs should be cleaned occasionally and inspected for cracks in the porcelain. The points should be adjusted to compensate for the metal burned away in use. The gap of the plug should be set at one thirty-second of an inch. This close gap will allow for the burning away of some metal without the necessity of adjustments.

All wires are subject to possible breakage from bending. For that reason in

going over the system, it is well to examine especially the portions that have been bent. An inside break of the wires can be felt through the insulation with the fingers. Armored wires are subject to "shorting," due to the fact that the armor sometimes will cut into the insulation. This condition can be determined by use of a test lamp. The remedy is to cut

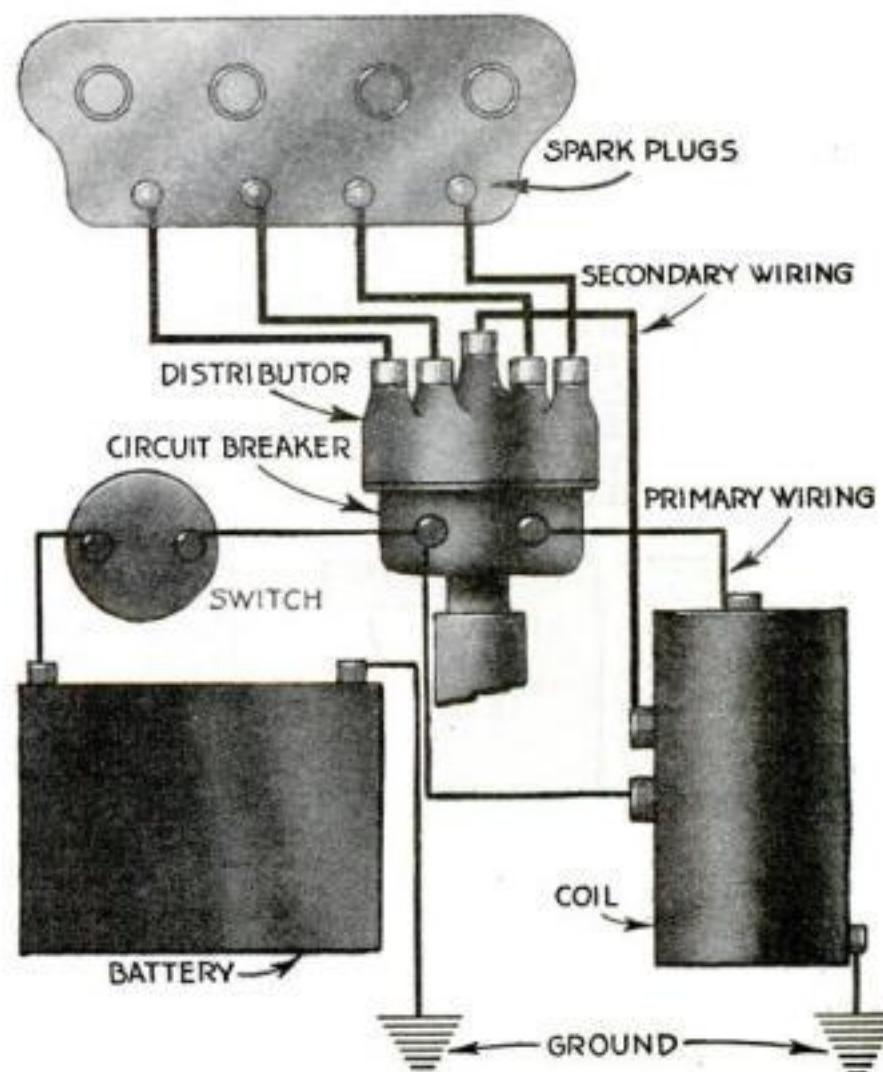
Absence of spark indicates a possible ground in the breaker mechanism, defective contact points, a weak breaker-arm spring, or other faults inside the breaker.

An open circuit in the ignition switch may be revealed by an absence of sparking when the wire is removed from the circuit breaker and touches the frame or engine. Another way is to "short" the switch by means of a wire from the battery terminal of the switch to the ignition wire leading to the circuit breaker. When this connection gives ignition current, the switch is faulty and requires repair.

WHERE the coil test shows that current is delivered to the distributor wire, failure to deliver to the spark plugs is due to some fault in the distributor, such as water, burned contacts, or short circuit in the rotor. Removal of a spark-plug wire while the engine is turned by hand or by means of the starter, will show whether the current is delivered to the plug. If the distributor is water-soaked, dry it inside and out. If the rotor and contacts are burned away, replace parts. A cracked distributor cap with water in the crack sometimes will lead the current to ground, and so break the circuit.

I believe that if you will follow these suggestions, first studying the ignition system to gain a thorough knowledge of its operation, then taking systematic care to keep the circuit in good condition, and finally, if anything goes wrong, applying the simple tests I have described, you will find that your car will give you better, more consistent service at less expense.

ADDITIONAL information on how to time the ignition system will be found in a useful article by Ray F. Kuns in the Home Workshop Department, page 126 of this issue.



Units of the complete ignition system and their wiring. Study of this diagram in connection with the accompanying article will give you a new knowledge of how the system works, and so will aid you in locating any troubles that may arise in your auto engine

How to Cut Your Car Costs

Keeping an Auto

ONE cold winter morning, when Johnston stepped on the starter of his car, the engine hesitated momentarily, although it finally turned over and began to run. The radiator that morning was frozen, but Johnston attributed this to running the car out in the cold. For several months afterward he noticed that on long-continued runs the engine boiled. Finally, when the car was placed in the repair shop, he learned that the retaining pin of the pump rotor had been sheared.

Unquestionably this had happened on the frosty morning when the radiator was found frozen. The car had been driven continuously since that time with the pump failing to deliver any circulation.

Johnston then made use of two simple methods (Fig. 1) for testing whether the pump rotor is broken or if the radiator is frozen.

Two holes are tapped through the pump casing directly opposite the hub where the shear pin is placed, and small pipe plugs are set into them. By removing the upper plug it is possible to determine if the pump propeller revolves with the shaft whenever the car shows signs of overheating, and the removal of both plugs makes it a simple matter to renew the dowel pin quickly.

The test for freezing is made by pressing between the fingers the lower rubber hose connection to the radiator. When frozen or partly frozen the hose does not collapse readily and it is necessary to thaw it out.

A SIMPLE method for making the choker rod on light cars self-retaining is to cut notches in the rod with a hacksaw blade (Fig. 2). This may be done while the rod is held out by hand or after it has been removed. The notches will engage the lower edge of the hole through the dash, thus holding the choker rod in any one of several positions. Six notches are sufficient for all ordinary purposes.

WHEN new piston-pin bushings are purchased by a car-owner he often has trouble both in extracting the old bushings and inserting the new ones. The simple tool shown in Fig. 3, however, makes this work easy.

A bar $\frac{3}{4}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 6 in. is drilled and tapped to take a $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. screw. This screw is about 5 in. long with a crank fitted to it either by welding or forging. A plug is turned as shown, so that its larger diameter will



in Good Condition

Drive out the pin and see if the old pin will start into the new bushing. If it will not, grind one end carefully until it will. Then work some grinding compound into the bushing from both ends, turning the pin around and around. Use only one end so that the pin gradually will become tapered. In this way you can grind the bushing to any desired size.

Clean out the compound at intervals and try the new pin. A little oil on the new pin will allow a closer fit than if the pin is dry. This will give a very smooth and perfect fit.—E. B. STAPLES, Eureka Springs, Ark.

IF YOU should happen to be driving a Ford in the country and a spring-shackle bolt snapped, what would you do? If you have a spare inner tube, take out a valve stem and insert it in place of the broken bolt (Fig. 4). The writer has witnessed this very simple repair and the substitute bolt is still in place after several months.—SAMUEL HAGEMAN.

WHILE touring recently, a friend of mine burned out the ignition coil. The only repair man in the neighborhood had nothing but a few spare parts for light cars, yet he fixed the ignition system fairly well with a substitute coil. This was made from one of the small box coils that are used in combination with the magneto ignition of small cars.

Three insulated wires were soldered to the contact points on the coil casing and connected, as shown in Fig. 5. The distributor connection was made with a high tension wire. The vibrator of the coil was bridged by screwing the contact points solidly against the core of the coil.

AFTER twice losing a gallon of oil when the can overturned in its place under the engine hood, one motorist made up a rectangular shaped casing as shown in Fig. 6. This just fits the can of oil.

It not only safeguards the oil, but also prevents the can from jolting against the carburetor, generator, and adjoining parts.



Fig. 6. Oilcan carrier

Fig. 5. Substitute for burnt-out ignition-coil

pass through the hole in the piston into which the bronze bushing fits. The smaller part of the plug is made the size of the piston pin.

To remove a bushing, the tool is set as indicated and the screw turned by means of the crank. A new bushing is inserted by placing it over the screw before the latter is started in the threaded bar. Turning the crank then forces in the bushing.

A boss should be provided where screw and crank unite so that a stubborn bushing may be started by tapping against the boss with a hammer after pressure has been applied with the screw.—GEORGE G. MCVICKER, North Bend, Neb.

IF A reamer is not at hand for fitting a new piston pin or bushing, place the new pin in the new bushing and, after removing the old bushing, drive the two into the connecting rod or piston, as the case may be. Placing the pin inside the bushing prevents the bushing from becoming distorted.

TO REMOVE the magneto terminal from a car equipped with the flywheel type of magneto, requires a short special type of screwdriver, unless the engine has been removed from the car. A special screwdriver to serve this purpose may be made quickly and cheaply from an old valve, as shown in Fig. 7.

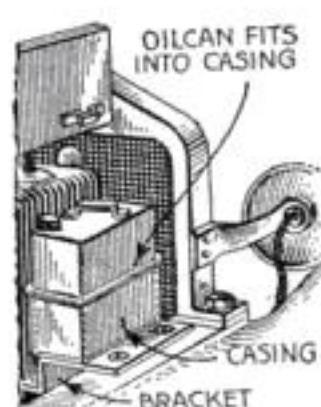


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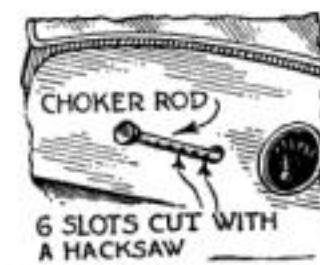


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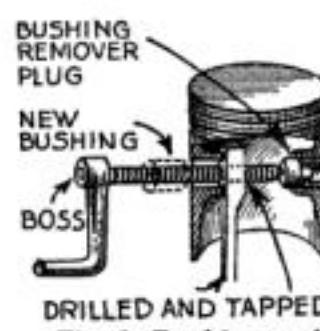


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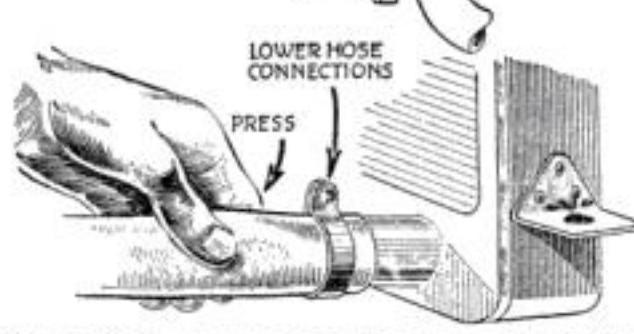
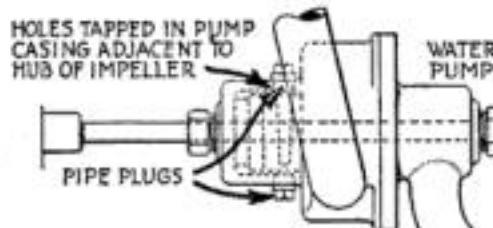


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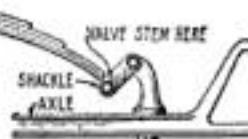


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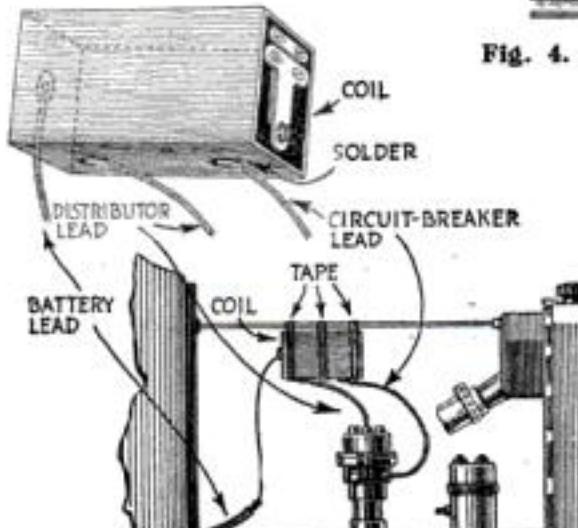


Fig. 5. Substitute for burnt-out ignition-coil



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- B** Ends of case, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 4 ft., $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2 required
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- D** Bottom of case, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $9\frac{1}{4}$ in. by 2 ft. $8\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 1 required
- E** Door stiles, outside, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. by 4 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2 required
- F** Door stiles, center, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $2\frac{9}{16}$ in. by 4 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2 required
- G** Door rails, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $11\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 4 required
- H** Door astragal, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 4 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 1 required
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- L** Back strips, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 4 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2 required
- M** Top filling, $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 2 ft. $8\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2 required
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- S** Feet, back, $\frac{3}{8}$ by 2 in.
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- U** Top back board, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. veneer; 2 in.
- V** Top back, $11\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 1 in.
- W** End, $11\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2 in.
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transfer them to the model and press into
the forms desired.

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How the foundation is made of wallboard or fi-
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for the entertainment of the young folks.

That shown in the accompanying
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toy electric railroad.

Such a model as this one shown in the photograph makes a
pleasing tree base. Besides adding motion to the scene, the railroad will stimulate fresh interest in the toy, and suggest the purchase of accessories in equipment for the boy's gift this year.

The tree-base model may be large or small, according to the space available. Indeed, the idea may be adapted on a generous scale to add novelty and distinction to a community Christmas tree or one prepared by a church or fraternal society

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T Top back board, $\frac{3}{4}$ by $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. by 2 ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 1 required

U Top back board overlays, outside, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 10 in. veneer; 2 required

V Top back board, overlay, center, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $11\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 1 required

W End overlays, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by 2 by 9 in.; 8 required

X Frieze overlays, outside, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2 required

Y Frieze overlay, center, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $18\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 1 required

Z End overlays at top, $1\frac{1}{16}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 9 in.; 2 required

AA Door moldings (stock), $9\frac{1}{16}$ by 1 in. by 11 ft.; 2 required

BB Top back cleats, $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5 in.; 2 required

CC Glass back molding, $\frac{3}{4}$ round, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $\frac{3}{8}$ by 11 ft.; 2 required

DD Hinges, butt or half surface, 2 by $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. brass; 6 required

EE Pushbutton catch, with or without lock, or other door catch or lock, brass; 1 required

FF Selected sheet glass, double thick, for doors

Either oak or whitewood may be used

(or other woods, if the builder desires). Even if the case is oak, the items *C*, *D*, *J*, *M*, *P*, and *Q* need only be whitewood.

The top of the case is held together by fastening the pieces *M* with screws or nails to the top, *A*, and the sides, *B*. Fastening the pieces *P* inside the ends at the top gives additional nailing places for the upper rail, *I*.

At the bottom the construction is
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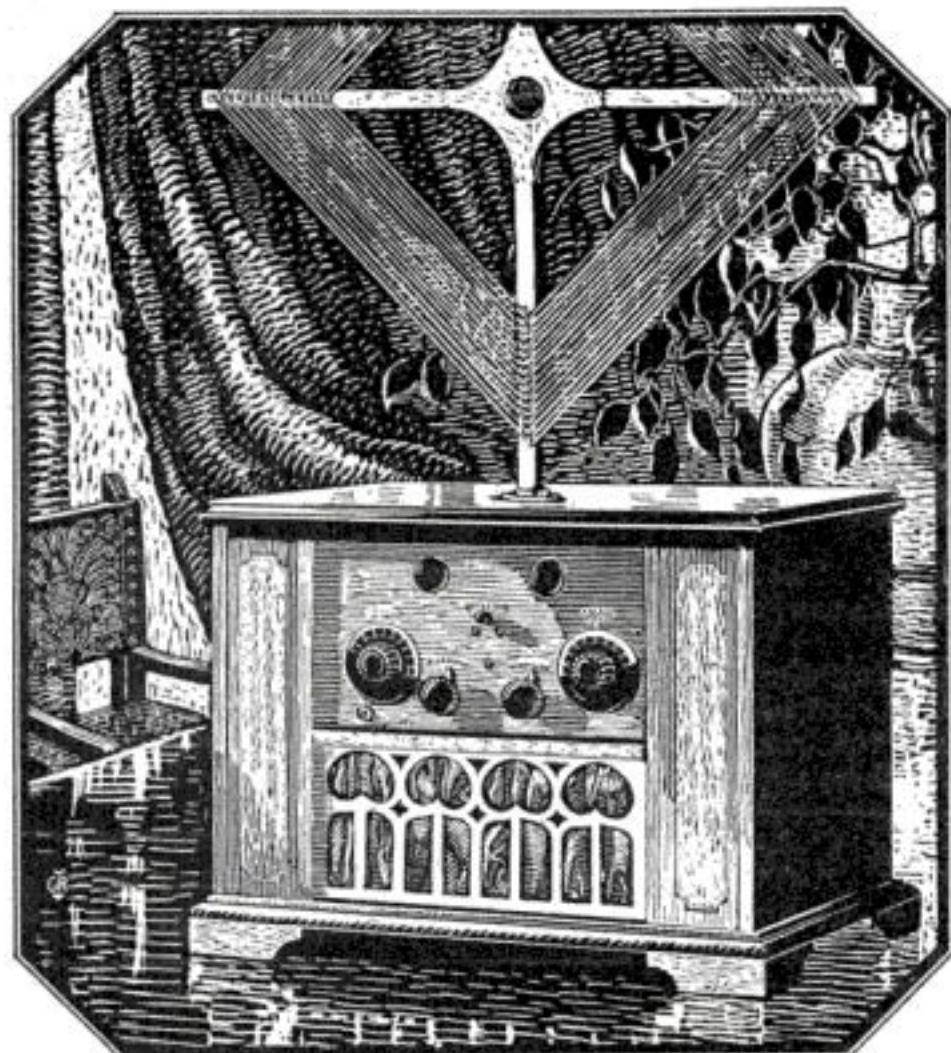
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Easily Made Furniture Delights the Kiddies

FOR the kiddies' Christmas a most useful and entertaining present is a table and set of chairs such as are illustrated. The material costs less than five dollars, yet this toy furniture is superior to store sets that cost from 15 to 25 dollars.

A careful study of the requirements was made before deciding upon the design, and the result is a set well proportioned for children between three and 12 years, strong and durable, light in weight, and attractive in appearance. The construction is simplified so that any one handy with tools can make it at home with a saw, a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. chisel, a screwdriver, and sandpaper.

The pieces are made entirely of $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. wood, whitewood or poplar, oak, pine, cedar, or chestnut being satisfactory. All except the table top and seats is made from straight strips, $\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., which can be had from the lumber dealer, finished to the exact size.

The table top is made of two $\frac{1}{8}$ by 13 in. boards, 26 in. long. These boards are laid on the floor, and the edges coated with glue; then they are forced together and left until dry. Four 19-in. long strips of the $\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. stock are covered with glue on one edge and screwed to the under side of this top, forming a square frame. This braces the top and furnishes a support for the legs.

The legs also are $\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 19 in. They are glued and fastened by $2\frac{1}{4}$ -in. screws into each corner of the "box" or

By Homer S. Trecartin

Few tools are necessary for constructing this simple but attractive set of children's house furniture



frame under the table top. The table corners are well rounded with saw, chisel, and sandpaper.

All the chair legs and "stretchers" are cut from the $\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. strips. The back legs are 26 in. long; the front legs 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. long, and the stretchers are 10 in.

long. Each back leg has a notch or groove for the seat cut with saw and chisel $\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep and $\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide. The bottom of this notch is 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. from the floor. The end of each stretcher is cut down on both sides so that it is $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in thickness for a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from the end, and grooves or mortises are cut with the chisel in the legs to fit these $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. tenons.

The seats are 12 in. wide at the back, 13 in. at the front, and 13 in. deep. A notch $\frac{3}{8}$ in. deep and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. long is cut in each back corner to fit flush into the notch in the back legs. Depressions that are $\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep by $\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. are cut under the front corners of the seat 1 in. in from the front edge; these receive the tops of the front legs. The front corners of the seat and the top edges are well rounded.

In assembling the chairs the mortises are covered with good glue and forced together. Small angle-irons screwed on under the seat and to each leg add greatly to the strength.

When the glue is set, the articles should be rubbed very smooth with sandpaper—coarse, medium and very fine. Then a coat of paint thinned with turpentine is put on. When dry, this is lightly sanded. Next a coat of auto or furniture enamel (or better, two coats) give a beautiful and durable finish that will stand repeated washings.

An initial letter, or a simple design on each article, painted with enamel of some other color adds an individual touch that the children greatly appreciate.

"Catch 'Em Alive" Game Is Hilarious Sport

By Capt. E. Armitage McCann

THIS is a hilarious game designed as a Christmas novelty for the readers of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. It will afford endless amusement for two or more players—the more the merrier—yet it can be made with the simplest of tools at a cost of next to nothing.

It consists of a series of traps standing on a



Players with nets try to catch small objects shot into the air by concealed traps

table and hidden by cardboard or wooden scenery. The traps, released by one player, shoot butterflies, balls, birds, or other objects up in the air. The other players have to catch these in small butterfly nets.

Every object caught on its upward flight scores two; on the downward flight, one. The score can be varied, if desired, according to the rapidity of the flight. For example, a ping-pong ball will travel much more quickly than a butterfly or a bird.

To make the game, a board 18 in. or more in length and about 6 in. wide will be required. On the under side of this screw four or more strong mouse-traps of the flat type, obtainable for five cents each. At the point where the wire strikes when the trap is snapped, bore holes of such a size that a small ball, such as a ping-pong ball, will project slightly through them. Then, when the trap is snapped, it will shoot the ball into the air.

Fix this board on upright sides and a base, as shown on page 133. On the base, a little back from under the center of the traps, screw a long batten of such a length that the wire springs of the traps will just clear it. On this staple an elbow catch directly under each trap. Tie strings to each catch for releasing the traps. The base should be quite substantial and may be clamped to the edge of the table.

AT THE front of this mechanism erect a board or a piece of wallboard or fiberboard about 9 in. high and paint it
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Merry-Go-Round Furnishes Fun for Skating Parties

By Dale R. Van Horn

AN ICE merry-go-round will prove to be popular with any ice club or group of skaters. It may be made in two or three hours, if suitable materials are at hand.

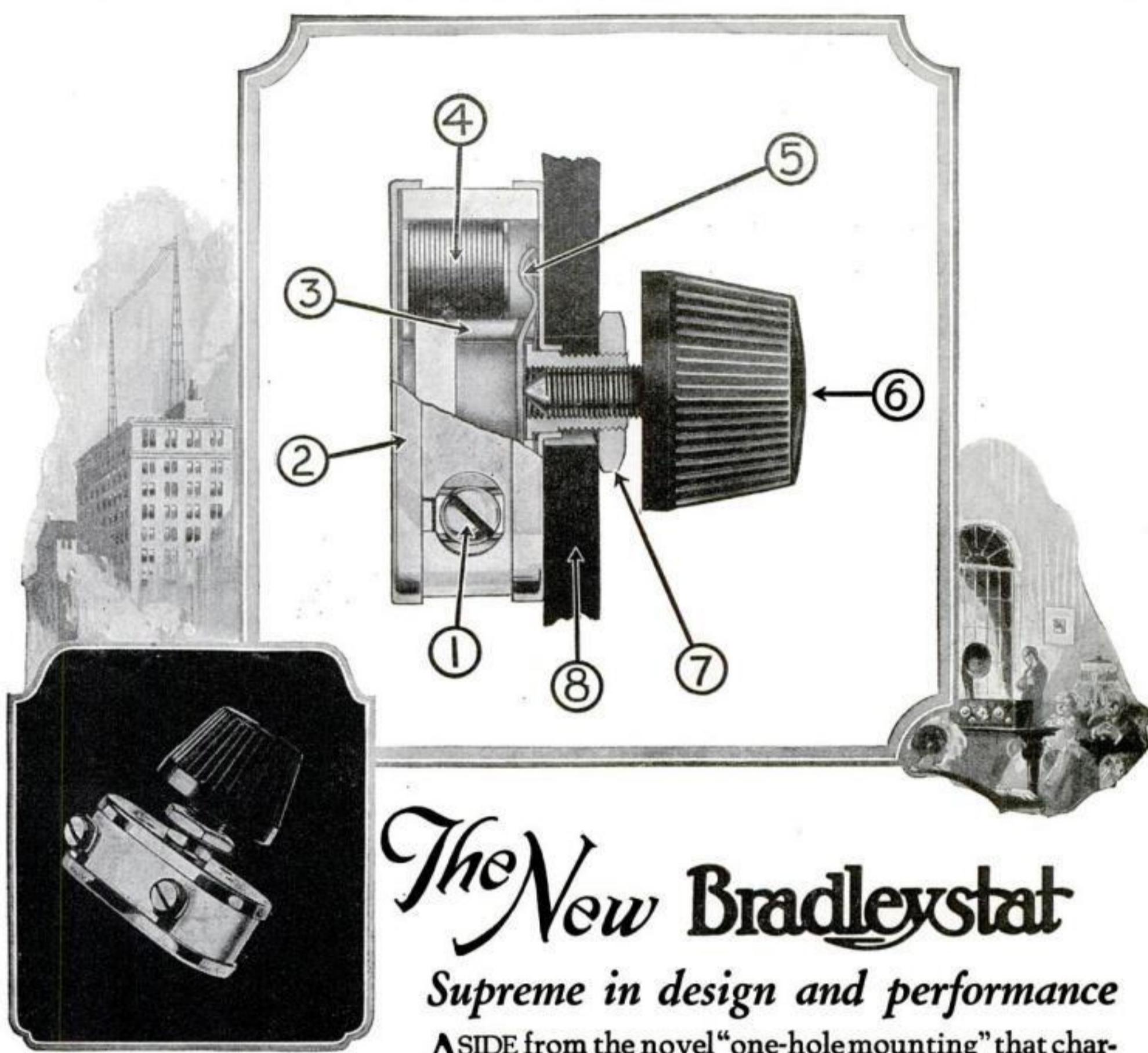
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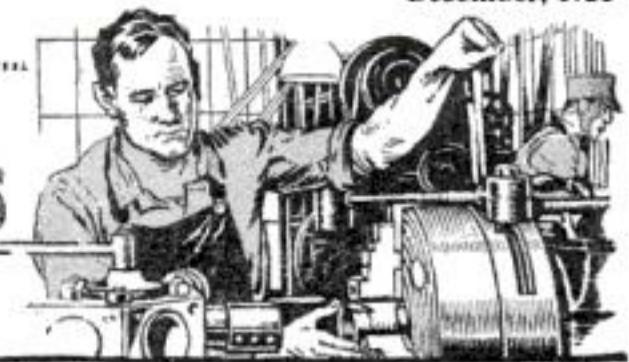
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Better Shop Methods

How Expert Mechanics Save Time and Labor



Old Bill Repairs an Engine

By James Ellis
Machine-Shop Superintendent

IT SEEMED that everything was wrong that morning. The big boss had promised certain delivery on a rush job, and now a huge casting that was an important part of it was missing! In fact, there were two castings. One was in the machine-shop, but the other was still pig iron.

Old Bill always had enough to do to keep the machine-shop running smoothly without bothering about the foundry, but this time he hied himself out to see what the matter was.

"Couldn't melt enough iron to make both castings the same day," the foundry foreman explained.

Old Bill reminded him that he had made two like that before; indeed, had made three.

"Well, the old cupola won't melt like it used to," said the foundryman. "It's been getting worse all the time. I don't believe that we have as much draft as we ought to have."

Old Bill did not like explanations; what he wanted were results. He went out to the foundry again that afternoon and looked around. He saw what was wrong. The fan was not running up to speed, and of course it was not giving the proper blast. He went over to the engine, and a trained ear told him what the trouble was.

"Have to fix up that old gal," he mused, and went to tell the foundry foreman what he was going to do.

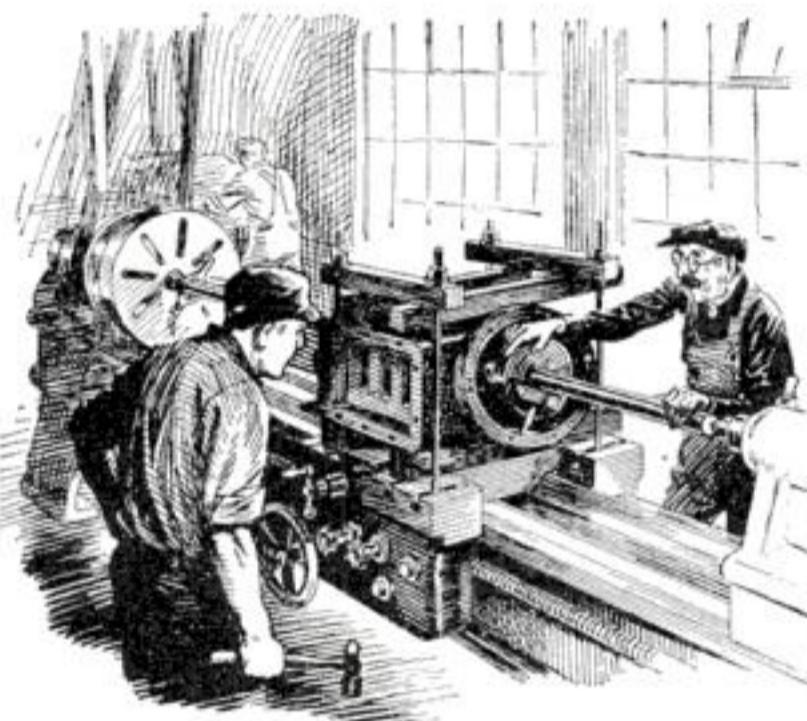
First thing the next morning two of Old Bill's boys were taking the engine to pieces. It was not a large one, about 8 by 11. He watched to be sure that enough marks were put on to make certain everything would go back properly.

As soon as the piston came out, Old Bill gave a grunt.

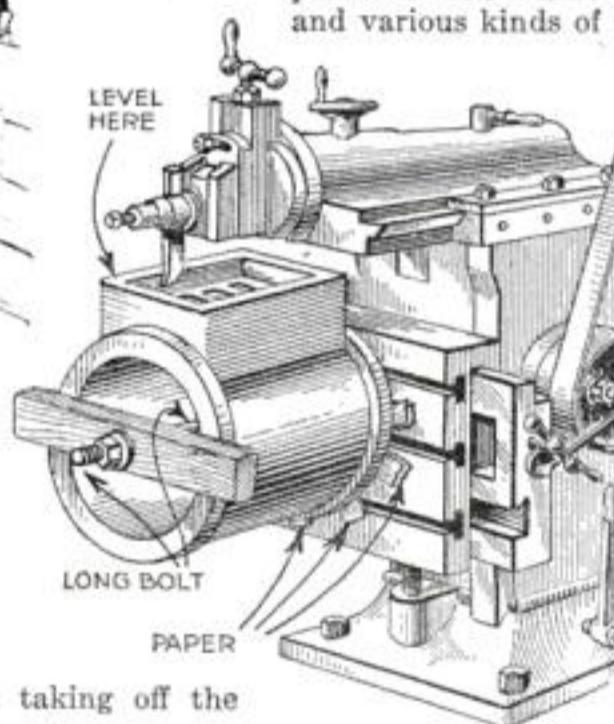
"It's a shame the way these iron melters treat machinery,"

he burst out. "They don't know how to take care of anything! I wonder if they know there is such a thing as oil?"

It did look bad. The rod was scored and cut, and one of the rings was broken.



Old Bill explains the trick of boring an engine cylinder accurately and shows how to clamp the casting to a shaper



Bill looked into the cylinder, passed his hand in, and felt a groove, so he gave orders for the cylinder to be taken off too. He sent the piston to the shop to have a new one made while he was still taking off the cylinder.

"Be sure and leave enough so that we can fit it after the cylinder is rebored," he cautioned. "Jack, you take the cylinder in to that 24-in. lathe by the door and bore it, and don't lose any time, for we shall have to face the valve seat before we put it back."

He looked at the brasses, and sent them in to another machinist. He was satisfied

with the crankshaft and with the guides, but decided to true up the valve stem.

He had started to the machine-shop and was about halfway there when he met Jack coming for him.

"This cylinder won't swing in the 24-inch lathe," said Jack. "I shall have to wait until I can get the 30-inch machine."

Old Bill laughed a little.

"I don't want you to swing it, sonny," he said. "We can do a better job if we don't swing it at all!"

Jack seemed to be perplexed, but he followed Old Bill toward the lathe.

"Pick up some of those bars there; we may need them," Old Bill said, as they passed a box where long bolts, clamps, and various kinds of blocks were kept.

"Now then, run the cross-slide off the back, for we want to get that out of the way," Old Bill said. "Get the cylinder up on the carriage and I'll be back."

It was some minutes before he returned, and the cylinder casting was lying on the carriage just about where he wanted it. He was carrying a

piece of shafting about 3 in. in diameter and 4 ft. long. A helper was following with what appeared to be an old shaft coupling.

Old Bill put his piece of shafting through the hole in the cylinder and swung it on the centers. He took his rule out and measured the distance from the top of the bar to the top of the cylinder bore, and from the bottom of the bar to the bottom of the bore. He did a little mental arithmetic.

"Now raise the casting about 2½ inches," he said.

By this time the boys had a pretty clear idea of what he wanted to do, so it was no time before the cylinder was raised the required amount, the coupling casting mounted on the bar, and the bar put back between the centers. The coupling had a slot to fit a toolbit, and a clamp to hold it in place. A tool was put in this slot and swung around one end of the cylinder. The

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Old Bill Says—

WHEN you have finished with a machine, clean it up and leave it in a presentable condition. Let's hope the next man who uses it will do the same.

Accidents are always unexpected. Be careful.

If a machinist knows what he is doing, you can tell it by the way he tackles a job.

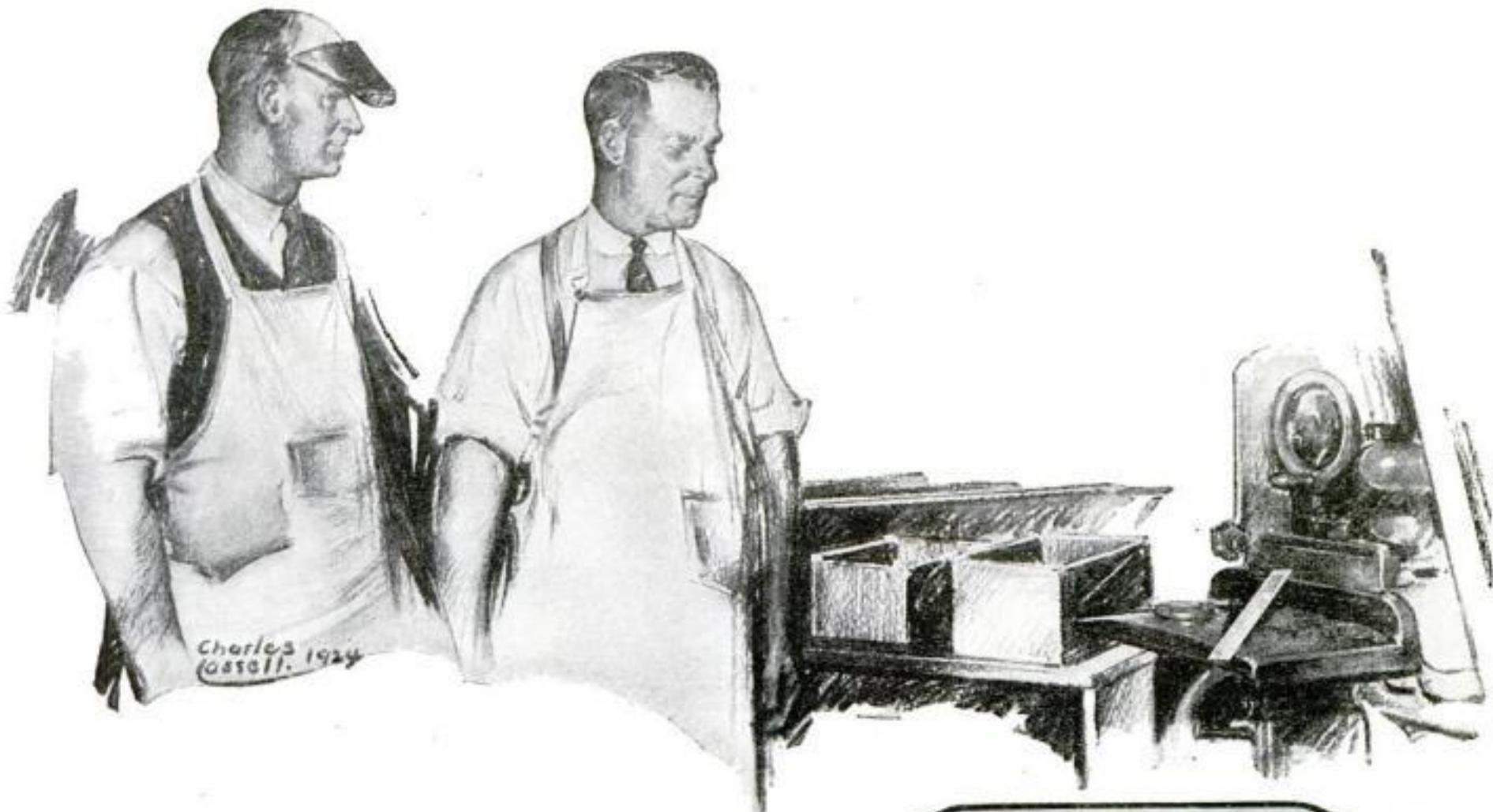
Without patience no mechanic can hope to get very far; it's one virtue he must have.

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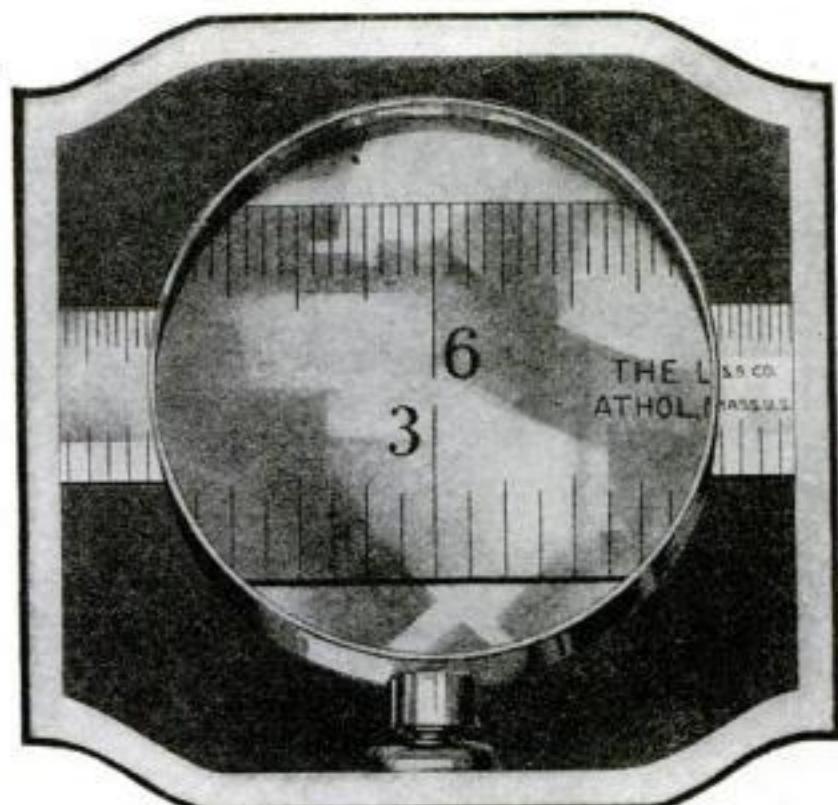


BILL'S got another new rule, I see. He sure does rust 'em out."

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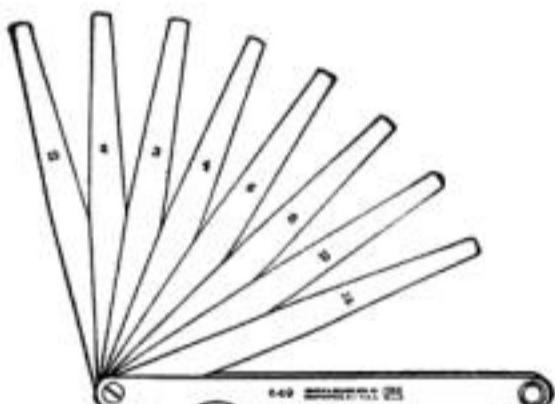
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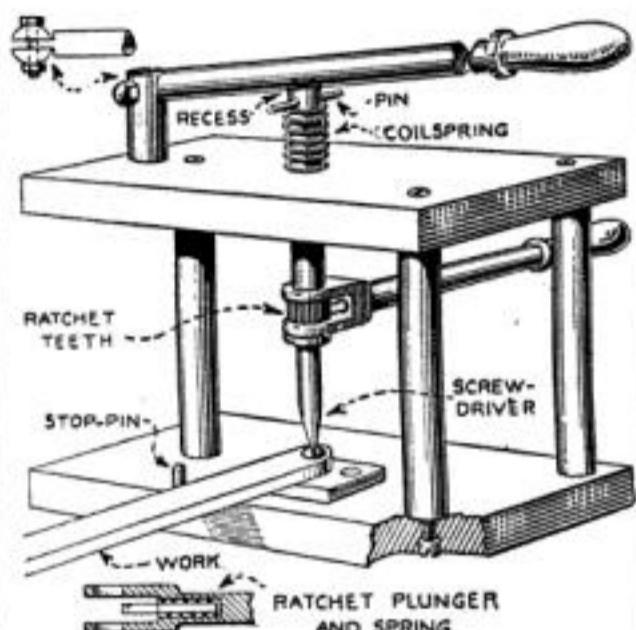
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The screwdriver bit is held down with one lever and turned with the other

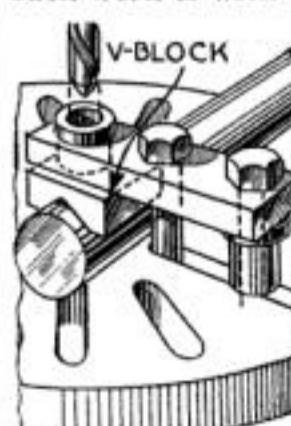
shown clearly in the accompanying illustration. Pieces to be assembled are placed on the base plate with the screw inserted in its hole and the screw is brought in line with the screwdriver bit.

Bearing down on the upper handle holds the bit solidly in the screw slot. The screw then is driven rapidly home with the ratchet handle. When the upper handle is released, the coil spring at the top raises the spindle in position for the next screw.—F. J. W.

Quick-Acting Jig for Drilling Holes in Round Stock

DRILLING transverse holes through round-bar stock or pipe usually necessitates setting up a V-block on the table of the drill and some form of top plate with a guide bushing.

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One turn releases the clamping piece

With the stock on the drill table and the guide block in position, tighten the inside bolt to clamp the work. To change parts, one turn of the inside bolt releases the clamp and jig. Much time can be saved with this fixture on repetition work.—G. L.



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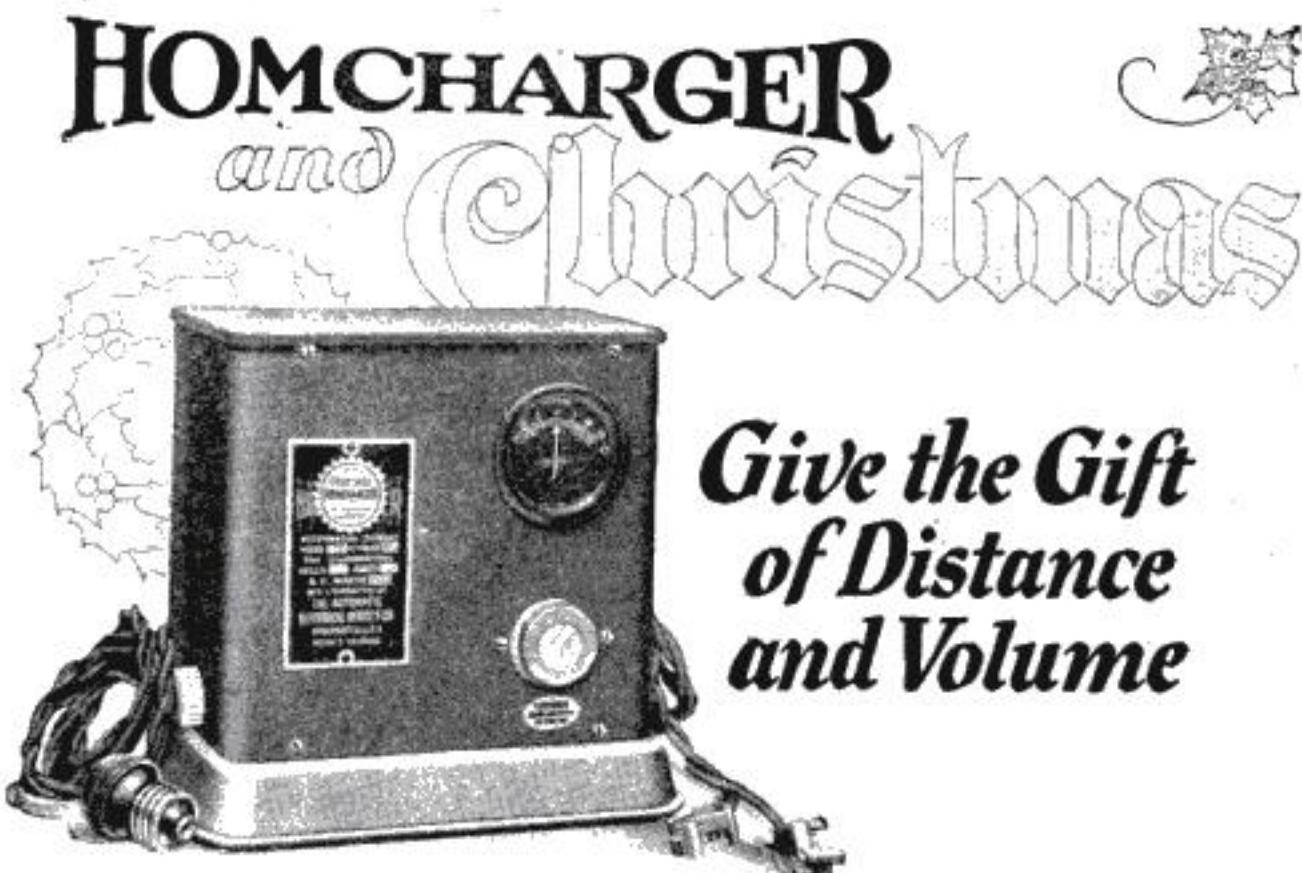
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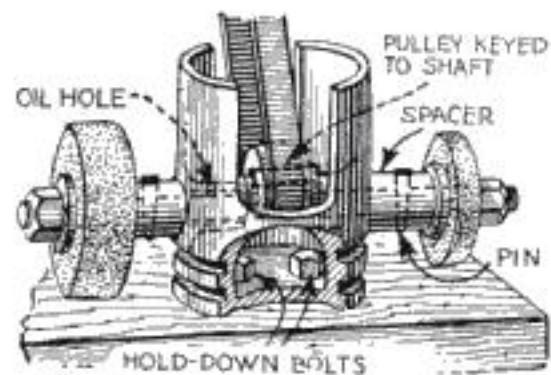
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From a piece of cold rolled steel or an old axle, turn the wheel shaft to fit the bearings and thread at each end. If the bearings are not a standard size, it will be necessary to turn the shaft at the section where the wheels will be mounted to one



The bronze wristpin bearings of a discarded piston support the grinder spindle

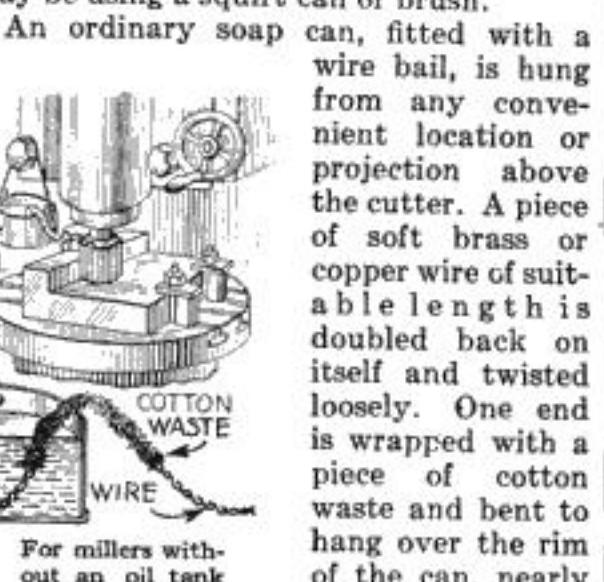
of the standard wheel fit sizes, which generally run in even eighths up to an inch.

Spacers are used on each side of the piston to hold the wheels the proper distance away and also on each side of the pulley. The pulley may be any convenient diameter and should be keyed or otherwise fastened to the shaft. Oil holes should be drilled and the piston bolted to the bench before the shaft is assembled.

It is advisable to pin the two outside spacers to the shaft with taper pins so that when the wheel nuts are drawn up there will be no undue binding.—W. F. SANDMANN, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lubricating the Cutter on a Vertical Milling Machine

VERTICAL milling machines not always are equipped with an oil tank. To supply oil to the cutter in such a case, I have used the method shown with success and pass it along to others who still may be using a squirt can or brush.



For millers without an oil tank

The other end is left forked and bent around the shank of the cutter to allow the wire to ride off the shoulder. The can is filled with oil and the waste is well soaked. In a very few minutes the oil will start to flow and keep the mill well supplied.—H. W.



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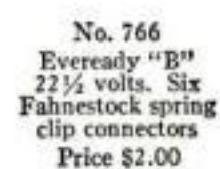


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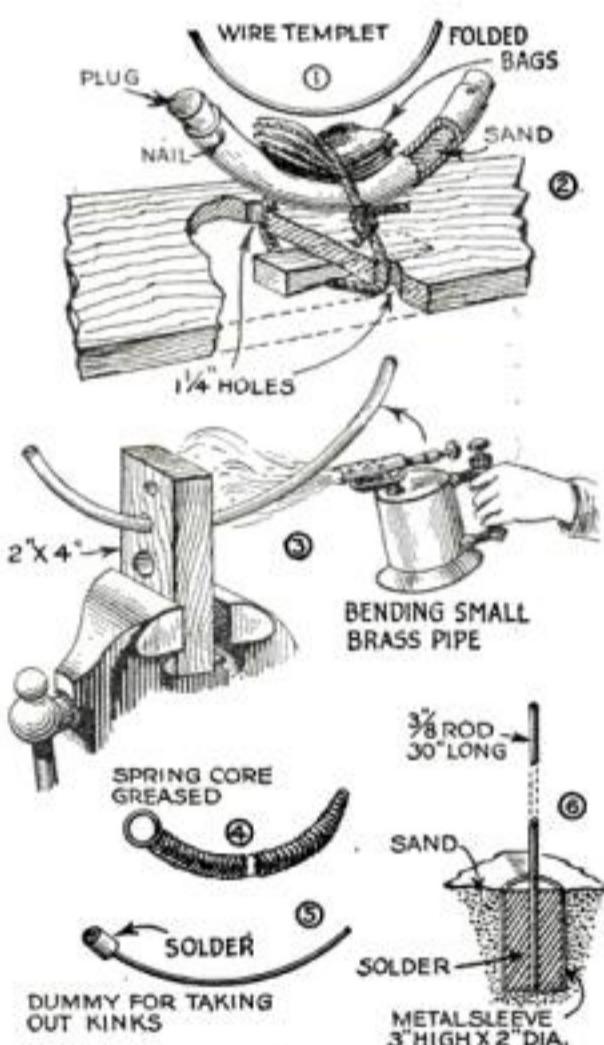
Methods that Aid in Bending Pipe Successfully

By C. F. Waldron

PLUMBERS, pipe-fitters, and electricians frequently are called upon to install a pipe job requiring many bends. To make them neatly, accurately, and quickly is a real test of mechanical skill, especially without a pipe-bending machine or special tools.

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Lead pipe from $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. may be bent over the knee, and larger diameters also



Bending lead pipe to wire templet, bending pipe tubing, and method of making cores and dummies

may be bent this way if the bend is not too short. For short bends a spring, well greased, is sometimes used (Fig. 4), although filling the pipe with sand and plugging the ends will give better results. It is important to have the sand dry and well packed in the pipe. Plug the ends with wooden plugs. When filling the pipe with sand, tap the outside occasionally with a piece of soft wood or a wooden mallet to shake the sand down.

In making bends over the knee on pipe 1 in. and larger, a bag or piece of heavy cloth should be used as a pad to prevent kinking.

If the required bend is difficult to measure, make a wire templet, bending it to the radius wanted as shown in Fig. 1. Before making the bend, always dress the sides

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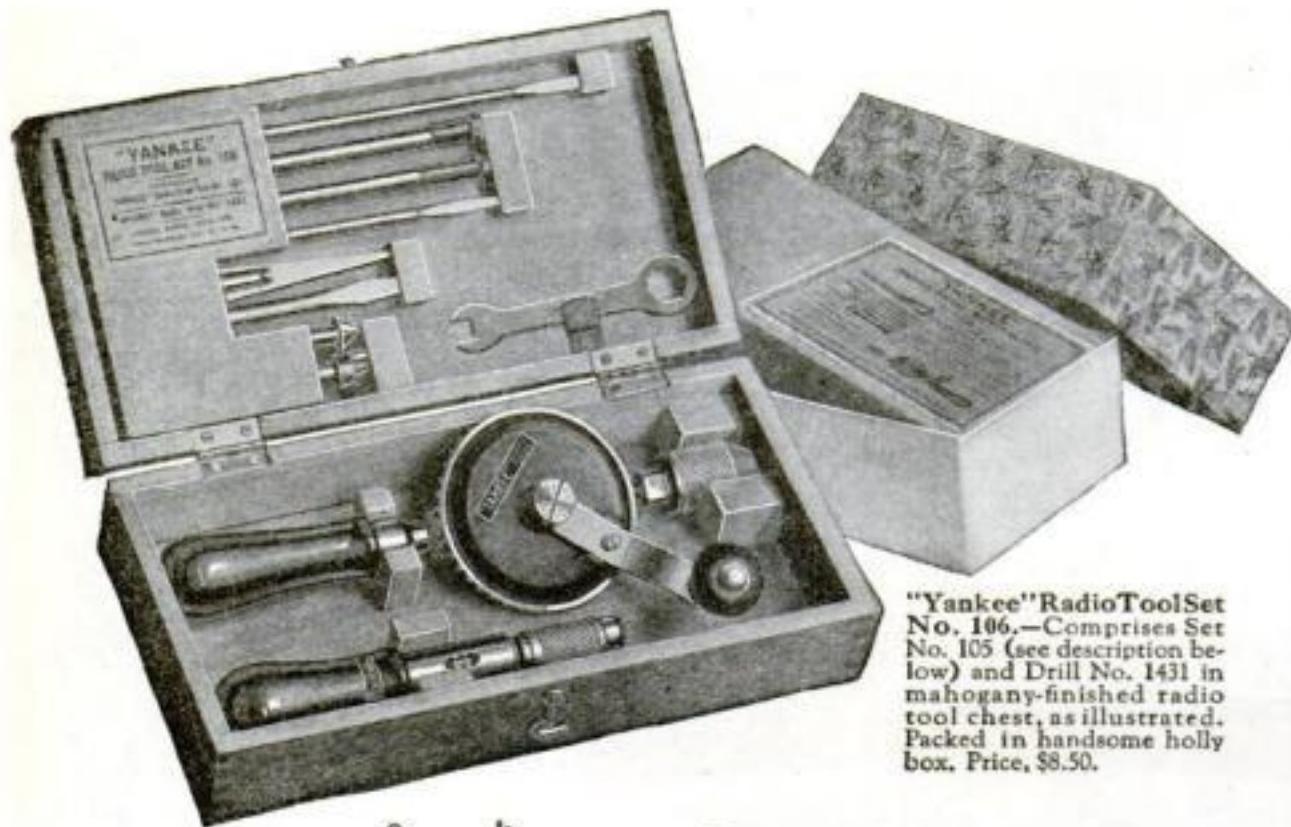
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Tricks in Bending Pipe

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in slightly with a smooth board, as the pipe, even when filled, has a tendency to swell at the sides.

For bending lead pipe from 2 in. up in diameter, two holes bored in a plank or bench will be necessary to hold the pipe. Make these holes about 1 1/4 in. and approximately 7 in. apart. Place the pipe on the bench or board between the holes, as indicated in Fig. 2, and pass a short piece of rope through the holes and over the pipe, tying it on the under side. Then place a bag or pad between the rope and the pipe to prevent kinking. By using the wire templet, the pipe can be marked with chalk where the bend is to start. Roll the wire and mark where the other end terminates.

WHEN ready to make the bend, place the bag underneath the pipe and tie it firmly. Always lift the pipe—never push down. If the bend is to be short, a wedge may be driven underneath the bench or plank to tighten the rope. Do not try to make the bend in one pull, especially if it is a short one. It is sometimes necessary to reheat several times, trying the templet in each instance and marking where heat is needed.

If the pipe swells at any point, it can be dressed in after the sand has been removed and the inside kinks can be dressed out with a "dummy." A good dummy (Fig. 5) can be made from a piece of 3/8-in. steel wire about 30 in. long, and an iron sleeve about 2 in. in diameter by 3 in. high. Set the wire upright in the sleeve, pack sand around the sleeve, and fill with solder, as in Fig. 6. Cut off the sleeve and file or rasp the solder smooth.

Copper pipe may be bent by filling it with sand or rosin. If rosin is used, first anneal the pipe by heating the full length. This is very important as any spot in the pipe not annealed would be likely to kink in bending. After the pipe is cool, a pot of rosin is melted and poured into it, or the pipe may be filled with sand.

Copper pipe can be bent cold by using rosin. A wire templet is an aid in making bends accurately and always should be used except in work that does not call for any special exactness.

A BENDING block as shown in Fig. 3 or two iron pins inserted in a beam will be found very convenient for bending copper pipe. When placing pipe between the pins, always use wooden strips between pipe and pins to prevent kinks. Great care must be taken not to kink copper pipe, as kinks are not easily removed. Dummies or spanking tools for copper pipe are made of iron.

Large copper pipe may be bent by using as a bending block a plate of cast iron about 10 in. thick and 4 ft. square with a number of square holes in it. This plate is laid flat and two or three pins with square shank to fit the holes are placed in positions best suited to aid in making the required bend.

When sand is used for bending copper pipe, it is best to heat the pipe. If the heat spreads, it may be confined by pouring water on the pipe outside the

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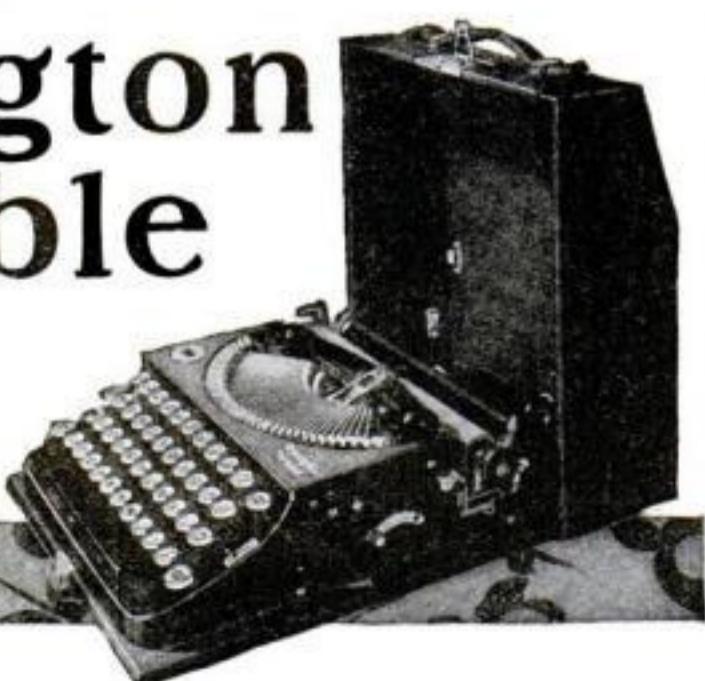
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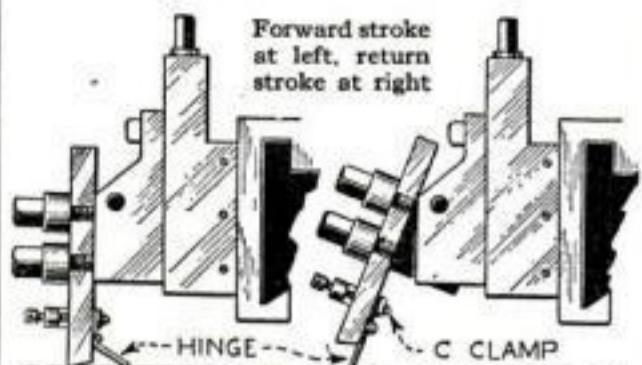
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Tricks in Bending Pipe

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guide marks. The bend then is made on the bending block, with a wire templet as a guide. Tarnish and scale left on the pipe after cooling may be removed by swabbing it with muriatic acid.

Bends in brass pipe may be accomplished by practically the same methods as for copper. If brass pipe is heated for bending, care should be taken, as brass has a much lower melting point than copper. If the bend must be held to an exact radius, the pipe should cool slowly so that the contraction will be reduced to a minimum.

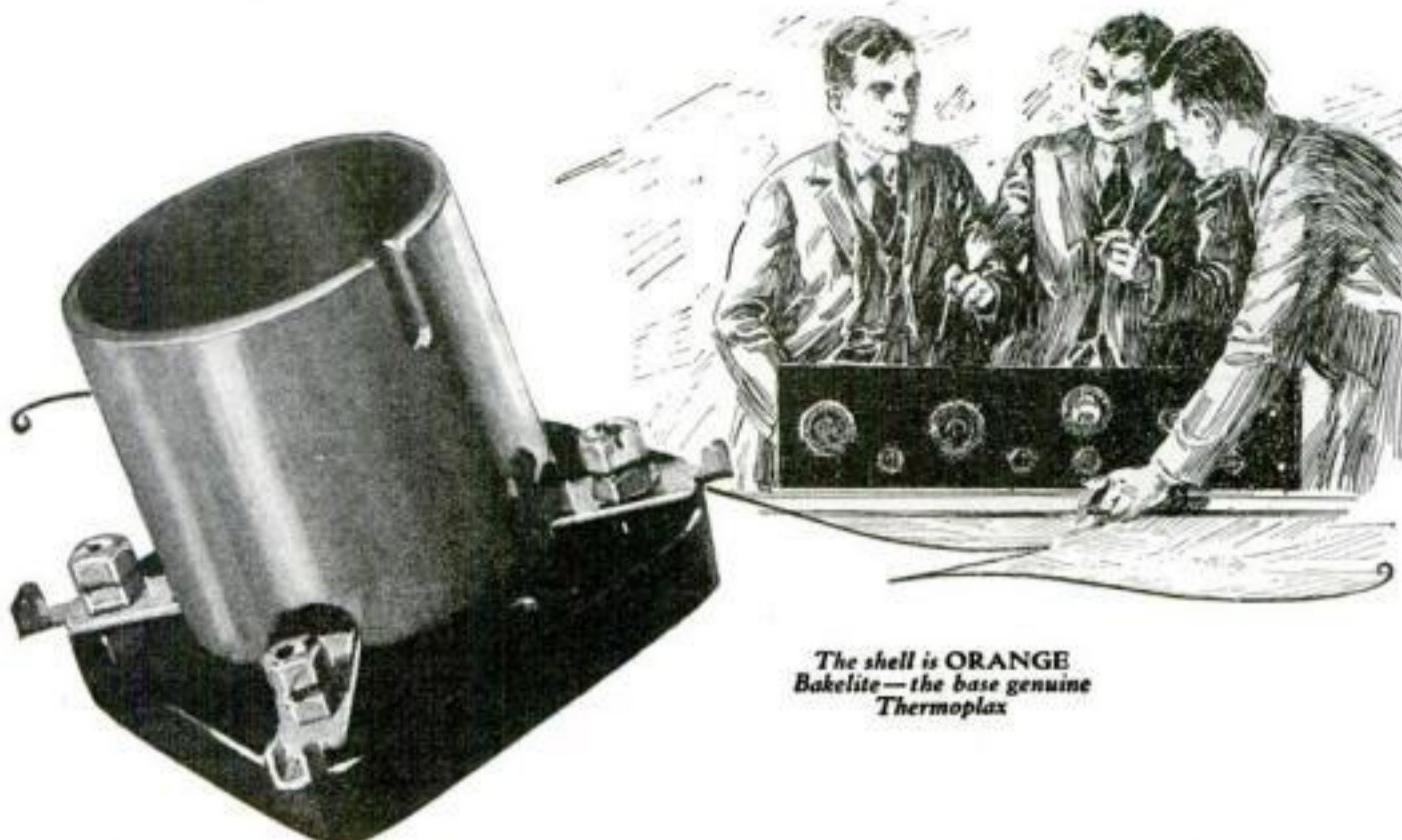
In bending small brass pipe up to $\frac{3}{4}$ in., the best method is to bore a hole in a piece of "two by four" and grip this in the vise. Insert the pipe in the hole and apply heat with a blowtorch (Fig. 3). By keeping pressure on the pipe with one hand and playing the torch flame with the other, the pipe will bend as soon as it is hot enough.

Brass railings usually are made of tubing and the method of bending is about the same as for copper pipe. It is customary to leave the rosin in the tube after bending, to resist dents while in service. As brass tubing burns easily, it should be very carefully annealed.

Iron pipe, if heated properly, may be bent without sand, provided the bend is not too short, but it will swell at the sides unless sand or rosin is used. These swells can be removed by squeezing the pipe in a vise before it is cold; it may be necessary, however, to apply more heat.

In making a bend close to a threaded end, always screw on a coupling to protect the thread. For bending a short piece of pipe, screw a coupling on one or both ends and use a length of pipe for a lever. The couplings should be cooled with water before bending.

Large pipe that cannot be threaded after the bend is made, must be cut to the exact length before bending. A quick and easy way to get this measurement is to have two wire templets of the bend. Straighten one of them for the measurement and keep the other in shape as a templet.



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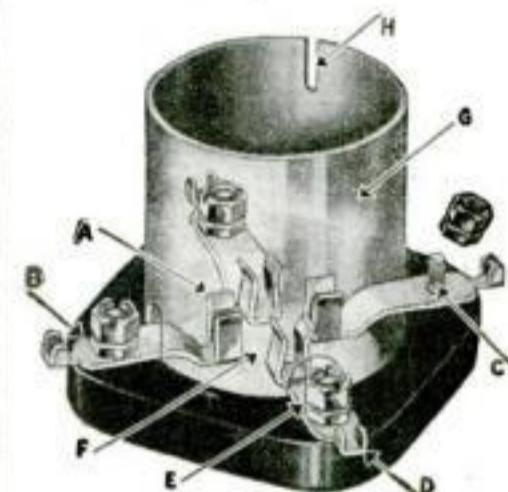
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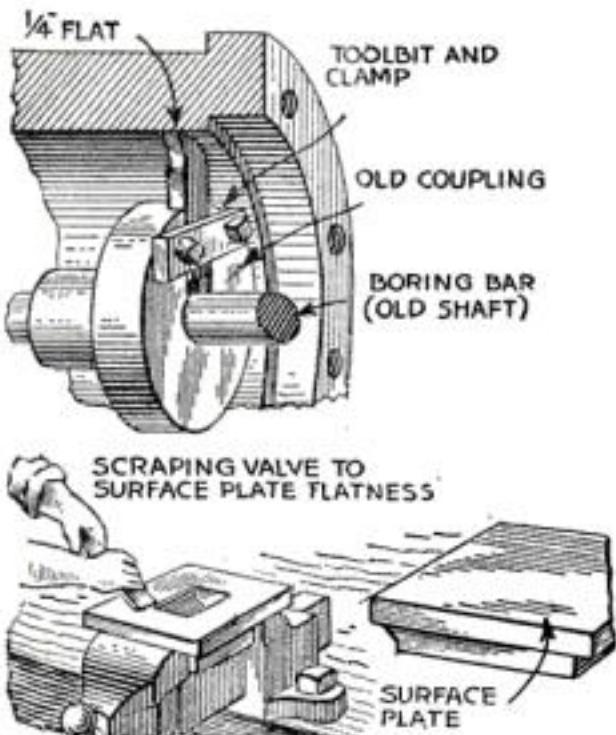
cylinder was raised a little more, using sheet-iron shims, and adjusted sidewise so that the tool touched equally on all sides. The other end was centered in the same manner. The first end was checked, and another adjustment made, as it had shifted a little when the second end had been trued up. Presently the cylinder was clamped to Old Bill's satisfaction.

"Always set up a job like this by the counterbore, and not by the worn surface," he said. "If you had used the bore of the cylinder, you would get your new bore out of square with the end of the cylinder, and the piston rod would not travel in a straight line. Now start a roughing cut, and let's get the job done."

He was off to look at the other parts. He found the new piston progressing nicely, but the machinist with the brasses seemed to be perplexed.

"I think that we shall have to have new brasses on the crankpin end," the machinist said.

Old Bill looked at them. They were worn badly, and he saw that they could



Setting up the boring bar and scraping the engine valve to surface-plate accuracy

not be closed any more. But to wait for a pattern and castings for new ones would be too long.

"We will babbitt the brasses," he said. "Drill a number of holes up in the sides about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. deep to hold the babbitt and then tin them well. Be sure that they are thoroughly clean before you try to tin them. Heat them on a plate over the forge fire hot enough to melt the solder. Drop some acid on and rub the solder all over the inside with a stick. Make sure that you get all the spots tinned. Wipe all the loose solder off with some waste while the brass is still hot, and if it shows bright all over, you have done a good job, but if it shows any brass, you will have to work some more."

The machinist seemed to think this more trouble than necessary, especially since he was to put holes in to hold the babbitt, so Old Bill went on to explain:

"Unless we can get the babbitt united to the brass, we shall have trouble from hot boxes. The heat that is formed will (Continued on page 112)



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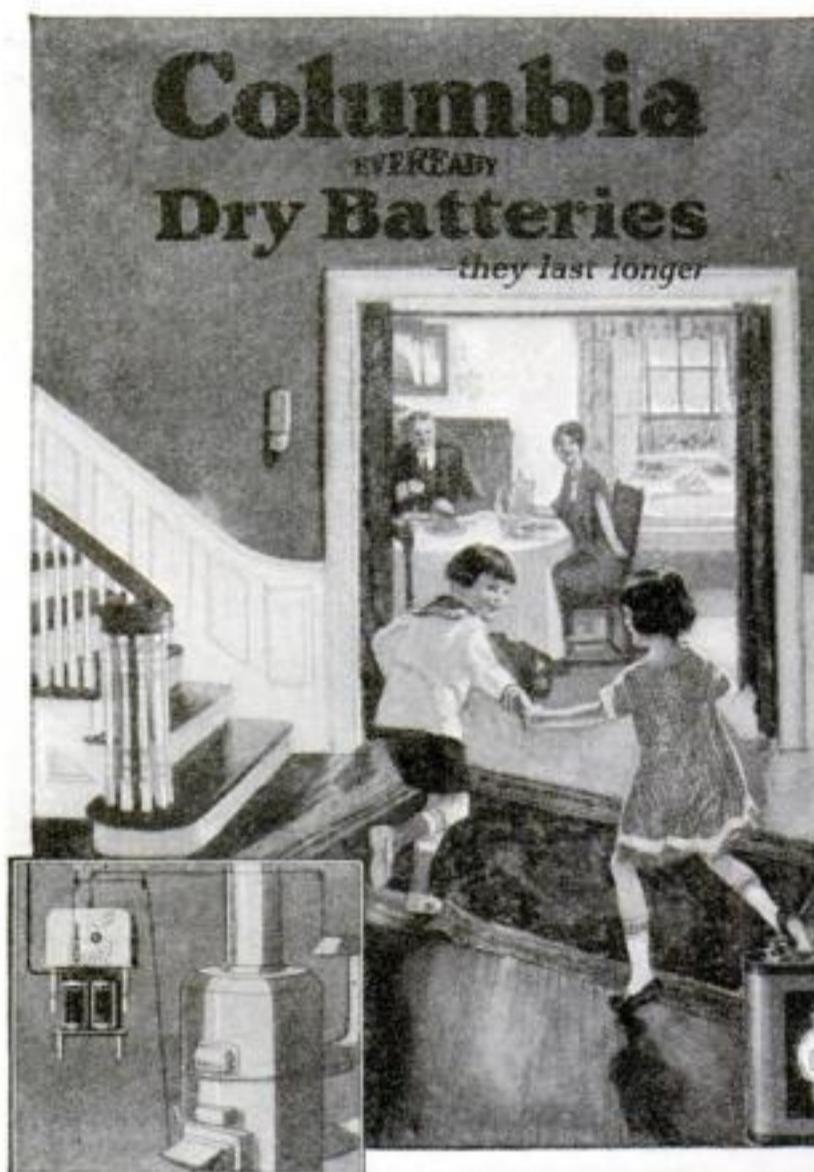


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not flow out where it can get away to the air if it has to travel through a layer of scale and dirt. But if the babbitt is what you might call soldered to the brass, the heat will travel through as though it were one piece of metal."

The valve next engaged his attention. It was progressing nicely.

"I want this valve scraped to the surface plate so that we can save time in fitting the seat," Old Bill said. "If you get the valve perfect before you get on the seat, you can save a lot of hard work, as well as time, and we need time, for we can't let the foundry lose more than one day. We shall have to hustle and re-assemble the engine by tomorrow noon. When you get the valve scraped, get the shaper ready to take the cylinder, and we will

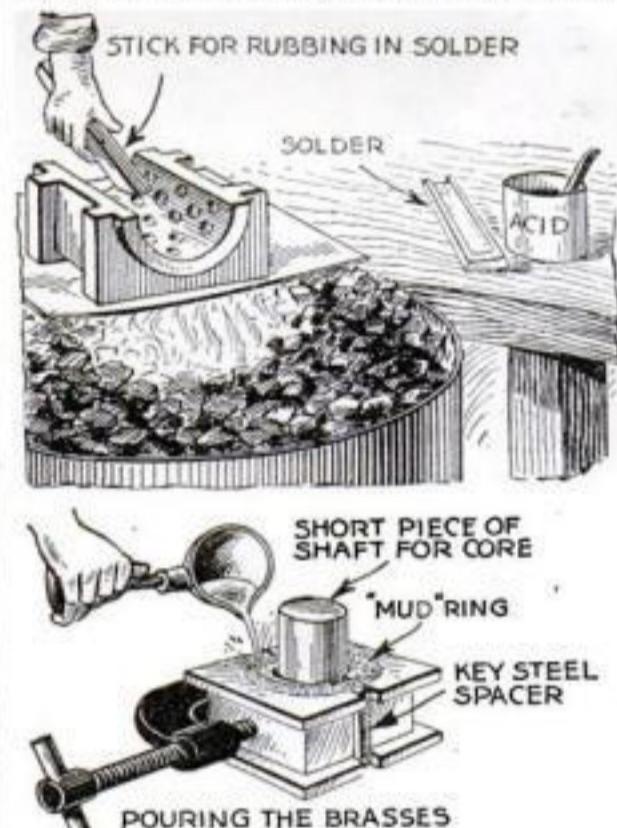


Diagram showing method of tinning the brasses and lining them with Babbitt metal

plane the seat. Be sure that you have tools that will get in all right."

After having attended to some of his other duties Old Bill drifted around to see how the boring of the cylinder was getting along. Jack looked worried. He had taken two cuts through, and had got out all of the worn surface, but it was still rough. There was a chattery place, too.

"I have tried 'most everything I know, and I can't make the old lathe bore smooth," he complained. "It seems like the slower I go and the finer the feed I use, the worse it gets!"

"I'm not surprised," was Old Bill's comment. "You have neglected the first rule on doing smooth work. You have not taken up the slack."

"But I have," Jack retorted. "The center is tight, and the spindle bearing is tight."

"That may be, but there is a lot of spring in the bar, and you have not taken that out," Old Bill said. "Let's see the tool you are using. Too pointed. Grind it off so that it will be about a quarter of an inch flat, and bring the oilstone with you."

Old Bill tapped the tool out so that it barely touched, and then turned the bar

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a trifle. He could see a little dust coming off at one corner of the tool. Old Bill brought the tool out of the hole and rubbed off this corner with the oilstone. He repeated the performance until the tool scraped from one end to the other. Then he tapped the tool out a bit more.

"You will take too much," Jack cautioned.

Old Bill smiled. "Just watch, and I will tell you why," he said.

OLD BILL started the lathe and threw in the feed. He was taking more than a scrape; he was taking about .01 in., and the carriage was moving pretty rapidly, too. Jack looked worried. He knew that he had had a finer feed on.

"If I were to use as fine a feed as you had," Old Bill explained, "the tool would be dulled before we reached the end of the cut, so I put on a coarse feed to be sure that the tool will be about as keen at the end as at the beginning. That will insure the bore's being the same size from one end to the other. I am taking a heavier cut than you did, so that all the spring and play will be taken up, and we won't have to bother about the weight of the bar. Taking out this much puts the parts under some load, so that all of the spring and give will be alike all around the bore. The tool is honed so that it will leave a smooth and true surface. Feel it."

Jack felt. It was smooth. He had expected to see big feed marks, but there was none, and the tool was curling chips off without any chatter! He watched it, fascinated, until it went out the other end.

"Easy, isn't it?" Old Bill asked. "Now caliper the bore and make sure that it is the same size at both ends, and if it is all right, take it out and truck it over to the shaper that is all ready for it."

Old Bill presently came over to the shaper. They had the casting hung up on the carriage of the shaper, and were trying to clamp it in place.

"**YOU** are going to too much trouble, boys," he said. "Put a bolt through the center, and some paper between the surfaces, and that is all that you will need. See if the machine is level crosswise, and if it is, adjust the casting so that it is level crosswise too, and your set-up is made."

Just then the machinist who was making the new piston came over to get the size of the cylinder, and Old Bill could see in the distance the babbitt flying from the brasses being bored, and he knew that he would have the foundry's engine running in fine shape in time for tomorrow's heat. It was now getting along toward quitting time, so he went toward his office with the feeling of having done a good day's work.

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ANOTHER "Old Bill" story by Mr. Ellis, "Handling Rush Repair Work Successfully," is scheduled for early publication. Other features include "Methods and Tools that Have Saved My Time," by E. C. Fellows, and "How to Make the Most of a Drill Press," by F. J. Wilhelm.

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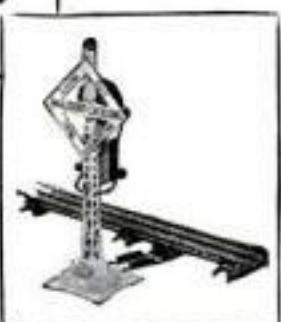
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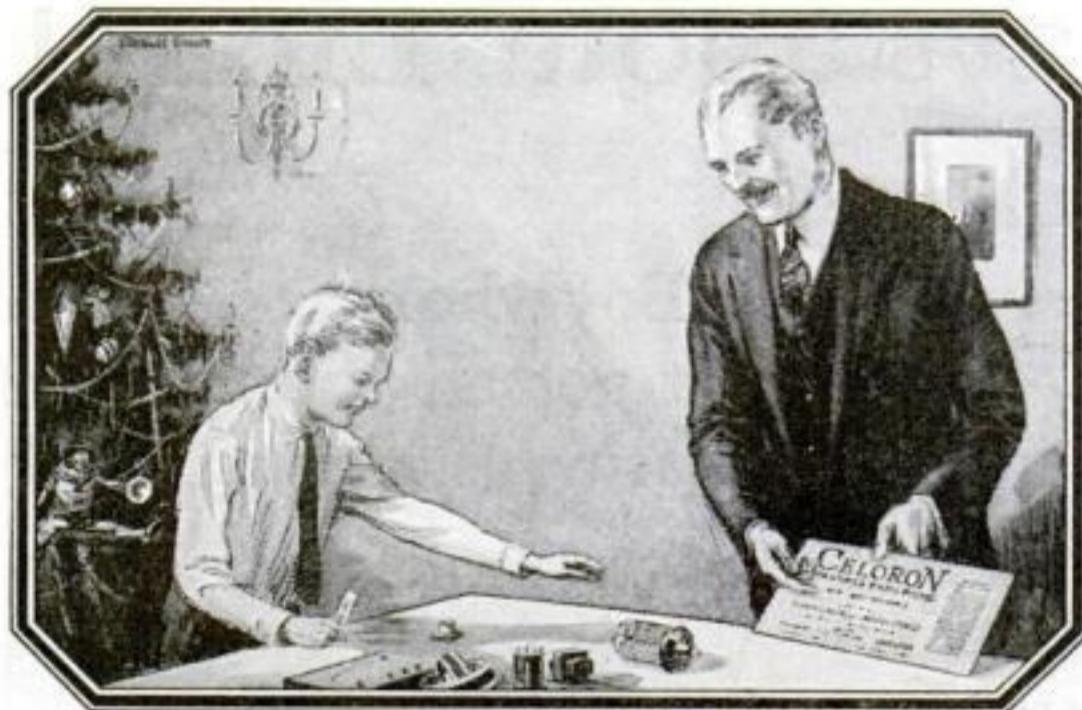
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GEORGE A. MOHL, a reader of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, describes in the article below an interesting and ingenious instrument or tool for measuring irregular areas.

If you are a mechanic, no doubt you have made at some time or other an especially useful or unusual tool or fixture to accomplish work that could not be done so easily with your regular tools. The chances are there was nothing on the market you could buy to serve the purpose of the tool you made, and, although it may have given service only on a few occasions, it probably paid for itself many times.

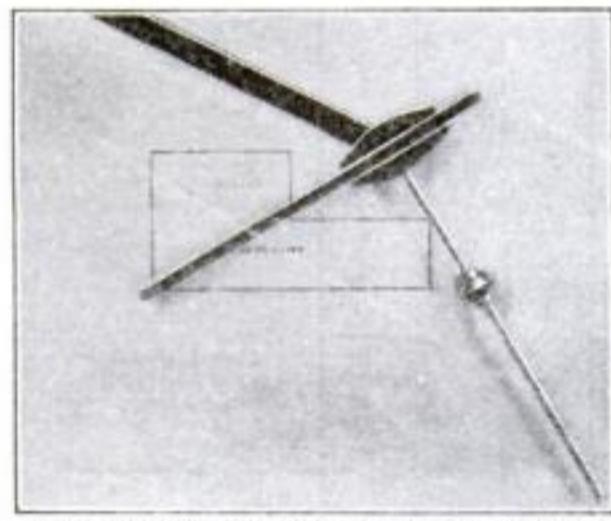
If you have made such a tool, send a clear photograph of it, with a brief description of its construction and purpose, to the Editor, Better Shop Methods Department, POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, 250 Fourth Avenue, New York. For each photograph available for publication, POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY will pay \$4.

Homemade Planimeter Measures Areas of Irregular Figures

LIKE the average engineer or draftsman, I was without a planimeter for measuring the area of irregular figures such as on indicator cards, ground layouts, and engineering drawings.

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The homemade planimeter illustrated was the result. It cost very little except the time and labor in making it, and yet



As the tracing arm follows the outline, the movable wheel automatically indicates the area

it gives results correct to within one per cent of the exact area.

The instrument is made mostly of wood. The measuring rod, however, is a thermometer tube with graduations spaced 1/8 in. apart. Upon this rod a steel roller revolves and slides freely.

In use, one arm is pivoted to the drawing-board and the other arm is used to trace the outline of the figure that is to be measured. When the tracing point has passed around the outline, the roller gives a correct reading in square inches.—GEORGE A. MOHL, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE Editor of the Better Shop Methods Department will be glad to hear from any readers who are interested in making a planimeter of this type and who would like to obtain working details and a full description.

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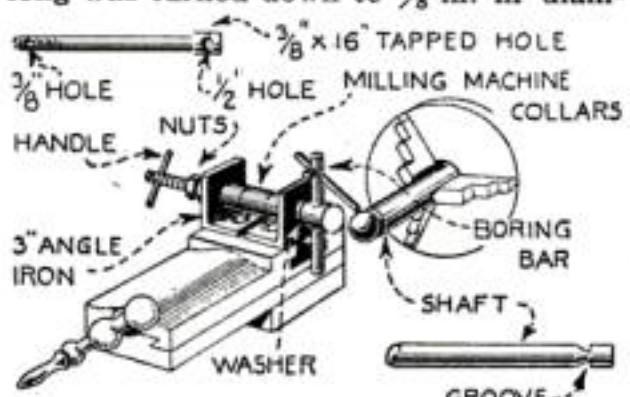
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Quickly Assembled Fixture for Turning Balls

IN TURNING balls on the ends of a number of small shafts recently, where no great accuracy was required, I used the fixture illustrated.

Into 2 pieces of $\frac{1}{4}$ by 3 by 3 in. angle iron a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hole was drilled and reamed the exact height of the lathe centers. Then the pieces were bolted to the toolpost holder.

A piece of 1-in. cold-rolled steel 9 in. long was turned down to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. in diam-



When properly set up, this device turns ball ends on rods with fair accuracy

eter for 8 in. The $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. end was threaded for about 2 in. to take two $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. jam nuts.

A $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. hole was drilled through the 1-in. end of this piece to take a round boring bar. At right angles to this hole a hole was drilled for a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. setscrew. Another $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hole was drilled through the threaded end to take a handle.

Several $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. milling-machine collars were slipped on the shaft between the angle plates to act as spacers, and the angle irons were bolted to the toolpost holder. The two nuts then were tightened.

A groove was first turned in each of the shafts to the required depth. Then the ball ends were turned to the proper radius with the special fixture.

The adjustment for the radius is obtained by raising or lowering the boring bar or toolbit. When once the tool is properly set, turning the handle is all that is necessary to machine a ball.—J.A.

Tool for Removing Insulation Made from Hacksaw Blade

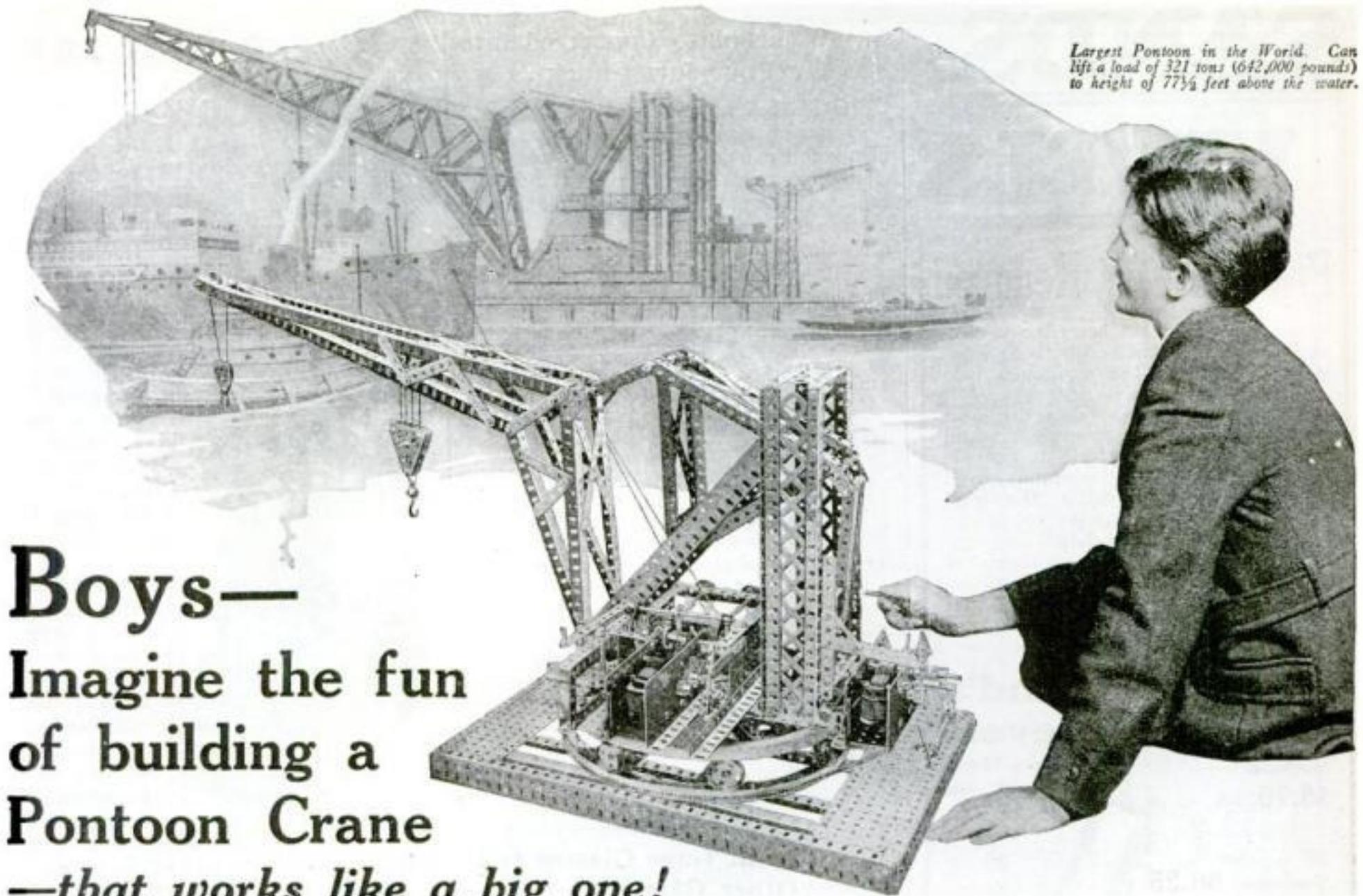
AN OLD machine hacksaw blade may be made into a time-saving tool for stripping insulation from wires.

Cut the blade to a length of about 10 in., making the cuts at an angle of 15 or 20 degrees, as shown. Then grind off the teeth.

Heat the ends and bend them up for about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. When cool, grind a blunt cutting edge on each of the upturned edges, with the bevel on the outside.

Next, heat the blade in the middle and bend together until the cutting edges touch; then restore the temper to the tool. This tool may be left with straight cutting edges or holes may be cut in the sharp edges.—S. W. B.

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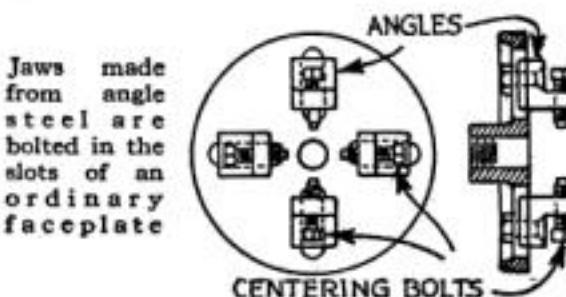
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Lathe Faceplate Converted into a Four-Jaw Chuck

TO MAKE a common lathe faceplate more useful and to save the expense of a scroll chuck when there is not sufficient work to be done to warrant purchasing one, it is possible with very little expense and a small amount of labor to turn a regular faceplate into a jaw chuck.

Four short pieces of angle are required. The size and thickness depend upon the



size of the faceplate. For an 8-in. plate a 1 1/4 by 1 1/4 by 1/2 in. angle, cut 1 in. wider than the slots in the faceplate, should be heavy enough.

The angle is machined on one side to fit snugly into the faceplate slots. A countersunk hole is drilled into the machined leg of each piece to receive the bolt for fastening the jaw to the faceplate, and a 5/8-in. hole is drilled and tapped in the other leg for the centering bolt.—F. C.

How to Cut Gage Glasses and Other Glassware

GLASS tubes, such as gage glasses, bottles, and other glassware, can be cut in a number of different ways. The strength of glass lies chiefly in its outside coat; even to scratch this coat lowers its strength. One of the simplest methods of causing a tube to break at a defined place, therefore, is to file it where the break is desired, using a saturated solution of turpentine and camphor as a lubricant.

To make the cutting solution for glass, pour the turpentine in a vessel and dissolve camphor in it until the solution is saturated, or has taken up as much as it will hold.

Another method is to wrap absorbent paper about the glass, allowing a space of 1/8 to 3/16 in. where it is desired to cut. Mark this point with a file and using a very small, hot flame from an acetylene torch or similar heater, heat the exposed portion, at the same time moistening the paper with water. During this operation the tube should be supported in such a manner that it can be revolved during heating and both ends protected when the fracture takes place.

The same result may be accomplished by protecting the tube on one side of the proposed fracture with asbestos tape, filing a groove and using a small wire bent to the circumference of the tube, with a projecting end for a handle. Heat this wire red hot, place it on the file mark and revolve it around in the tube to obtain equal heating, and then plunge the tube in cold water.

Sharp edges remaining on the tube may be ground off, or a paste of emery powder and water may be spread on a smooth iron plate or a piece of glass and the tube rubbed on this surface.—E. J. MORRISSEY.

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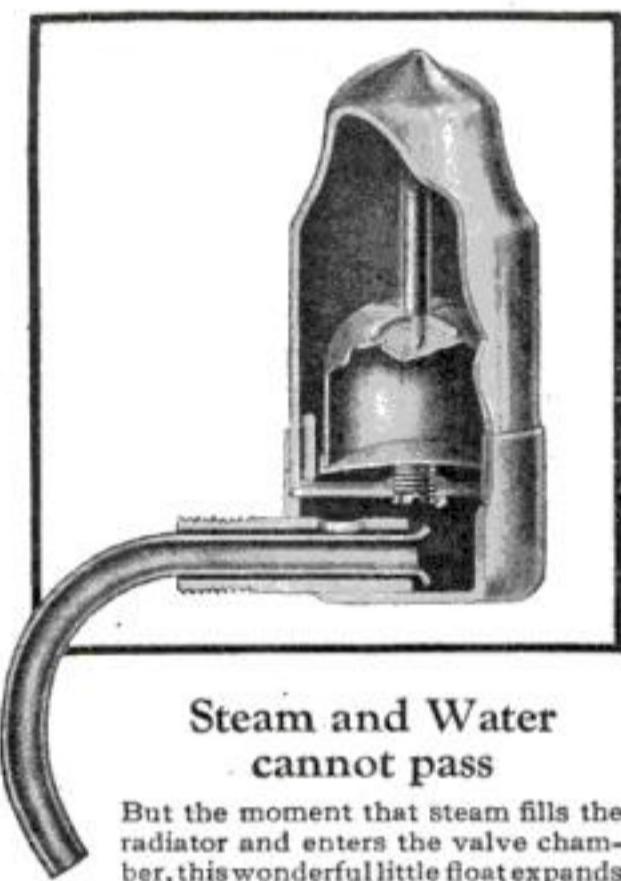
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Heating experts discover how to make cold radiators HOT



Steam and Water cannot pass

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Rids radiator of cold air

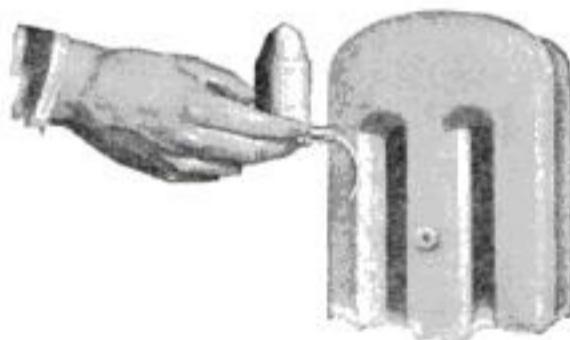
Steam, on coming into a radiator, pushes air ahead of it. Unless this air can escape, it forms a barrier beyond which the steam cannot penetrate. Thus it is possible for as much as half the radiator to be literally "choked" with cold air. No wonder steam radiators, equipped with old style air valves, won't get hot!

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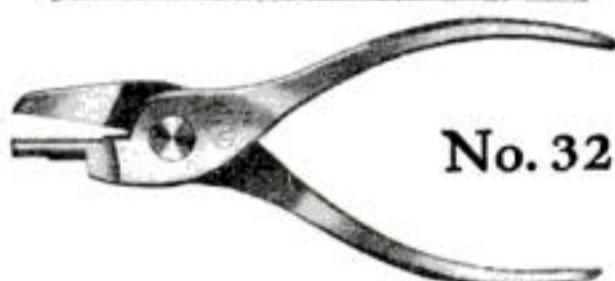
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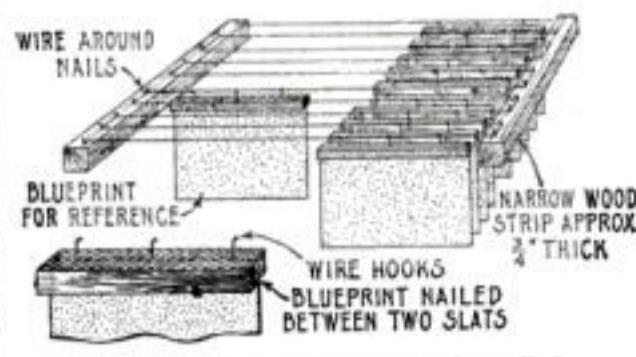
Drilling Long Holes through Rods and Small Stock

IN DRILLING holes through stock of small diameter, I find the method of drilling from both ends saves much time. To do this on the drill press, a short bolt is ground to a point and fastened to the drill-press table. A center punch held in the drill chuck is used to bring the spindle in line with this point.

After the pieces have been centered on both ends, they are drilled halfway through and then turned over and drilled from the other end. The piece rests on the lower center and is held with a wrench or small lathe dog. The same method is also used in drilling on a lathe.—F. J. WILHELM, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wire Rack Keeps Blueprints Flat and Accessible

ON CONSTRUCTION jobs where frequent reference to drawings is necessary, it is awkward to handle the blueprints if they are kept rolled up, as is the usual custom. They also are torn or misplaced easily. One contractor has found the simple arrangement shown below to



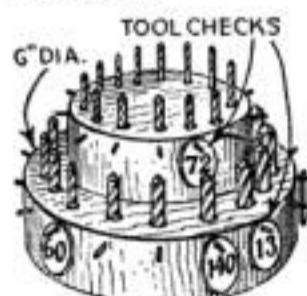
Any blueprint in the set may be pulled out for reference or removed entirely

be of great value as a time-saver and in keeping the prints in good condition.

Wire is used to form a rack by stretching it across the workroom as shown. Each print is nailed between two thin, narrow strips of wood. By means of wire hooks attached to the wooden strips, the prints are hung over the wires. Instead of the slats, patent clothespins may be used.—S. H. SAMUELS, Oakland, Calif.

Keeping Track of Small Drills in the Toolcrib

A HANDY drill block for the toolcrib, which makes it easy to keep account of the drills, can be made from a hardwood block. It is turned as shown and drilled to receive the various drills. Opposite each drill hole is placed a small nail or hook for the workman's tool check. This drill block saves both time and drills.



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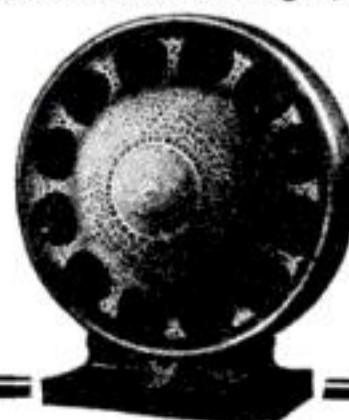
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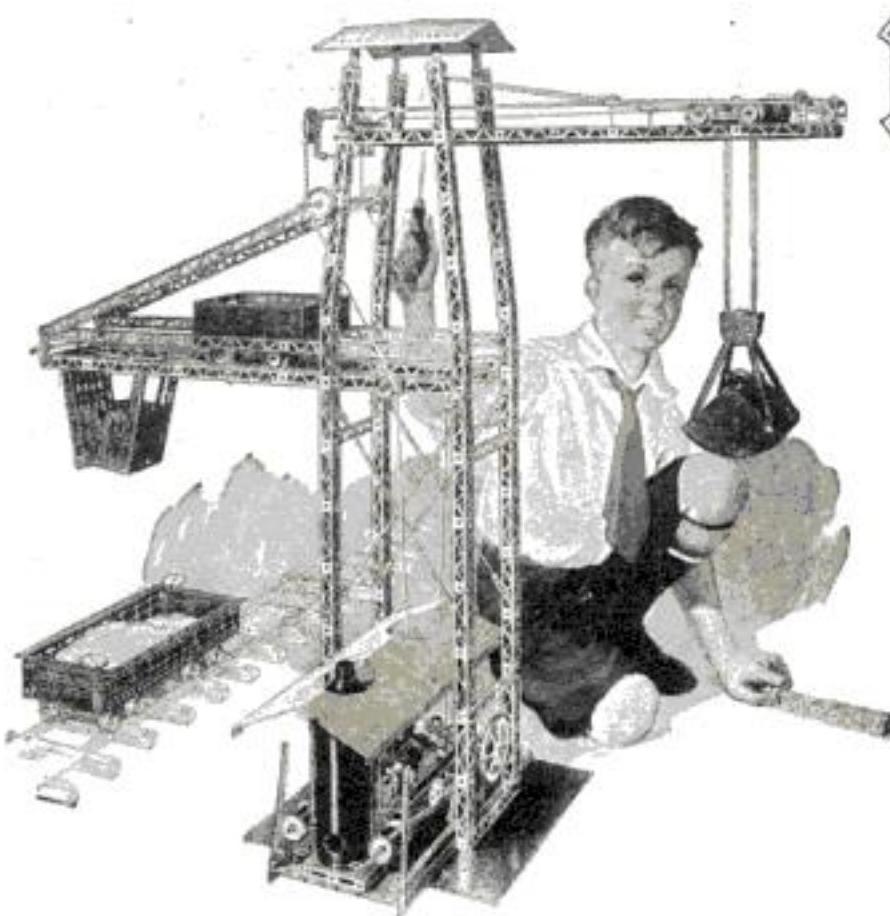
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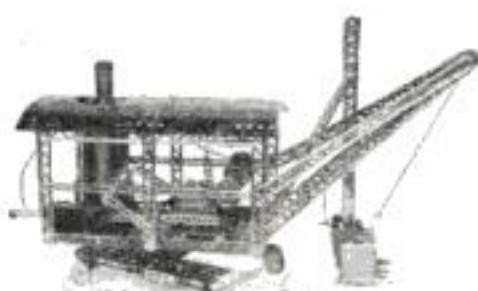
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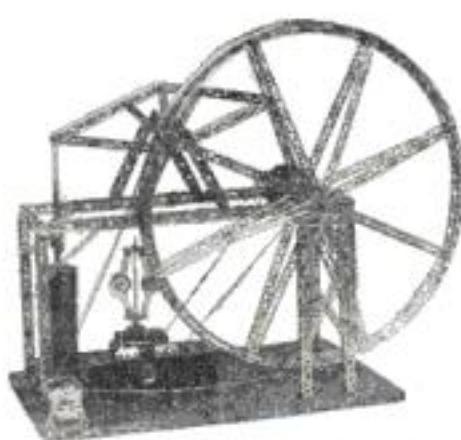


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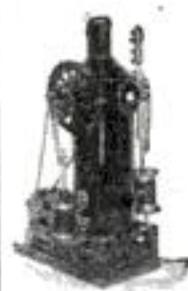
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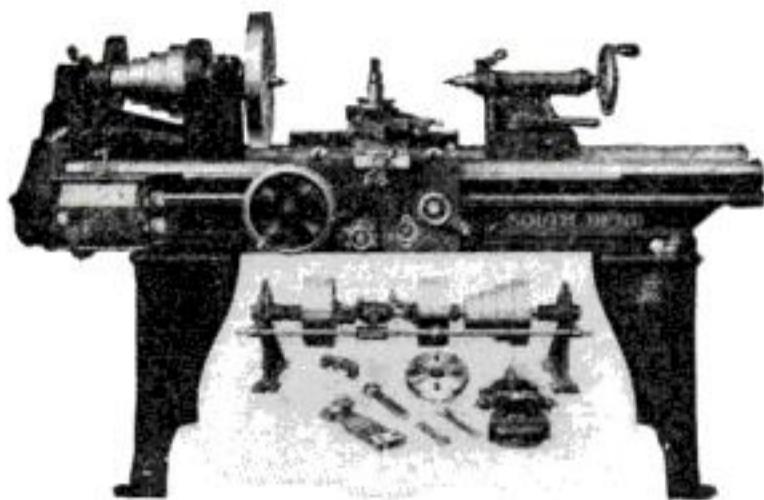


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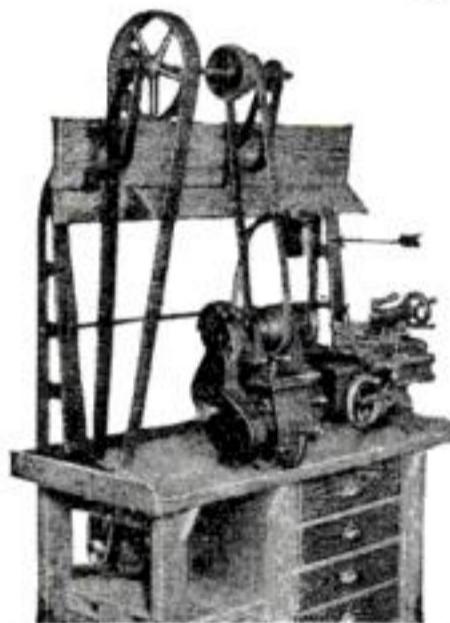
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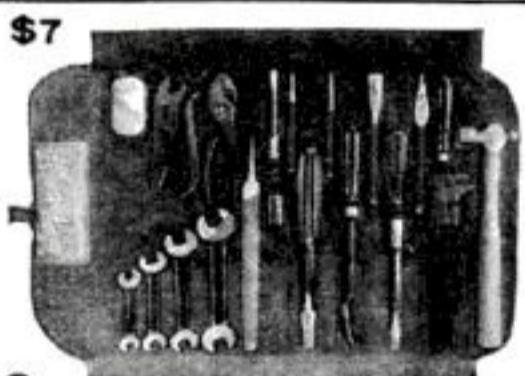
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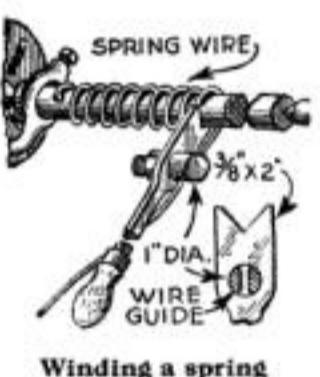
A simple kink I have been using for a number of years overcomes this difficulty and allows the holes to be drilled closely together. Take a piece of steel the size of the drill and bend it as shown

so that the short end will drop into the first hole when the long end is in the second hole.

To start with, drill the first two holes in the usual way, and after that use the bent rod. The long pin prevents the drill from running into the hole next to it. When the drilling is done in this way, the core may be removed easily by tapping it with a hammer.—CHARLES KUGLER, Philadelphia, Pa.

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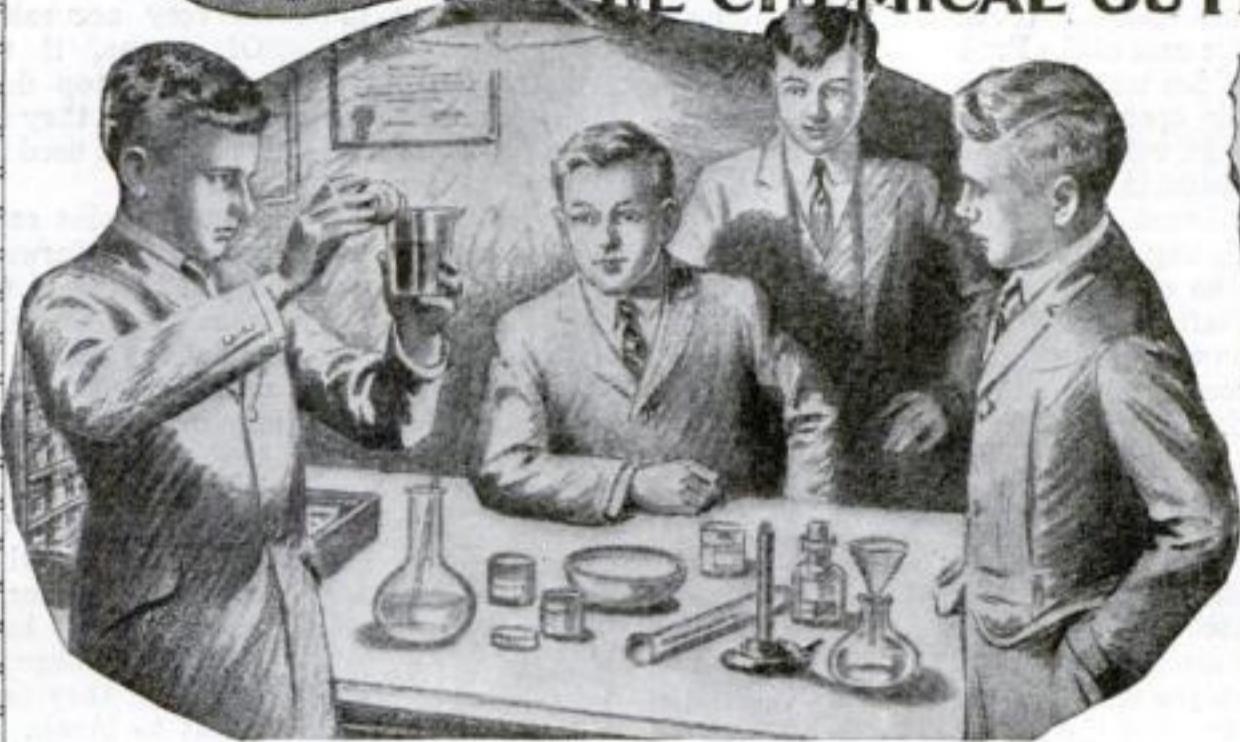
The same idea may be used for a lawn or garden hose by placing a piece of bicycle tire at the point where the hose passes around a corner of the house or over a wall or window-sill.—S. B.

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The Mystery of the Bronson Fire

A Story for Boys

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WELL, I guess she's all right now," said Bob Bronson, as he sat up straight after a careful examination of a peculiar-looking apparatus which lay on the work-bench before him. "Just hand me that cap, Pete, and we'll put it on. Gee, I'll bet she'll work fine now!" he concluded, with a confident shake of his head.

His pal, Pete Henderson, passed the cap across the bench and Bob screwed it on the end of the apparatus.

"Gosh," exclaimed Pete, as he watched the operation, "we've been foolin' with the old thing long enough. I only hope it works like you think it will. Let's go out in the back lot now and see what it will do."

"Not tonight," objected Bob, "it's too dark, and we might break it. We'll have a big demonstration tomorrow afternoon, out behind our garage. Be sure to come around."

"All right," agreed Pete. "I'll be here about three o'clock. Have to go home now. So long!"

After Pete's departure, Bob cleaned up his work-bench, put his things away, and with his newly completed invention under his arm, trudged upstairs to his room, a very tired, yet extremely happy boy. After carefully hiding his invention in the closet, he undressed and jumped into bed. He was sound asleep when his mother looked in at the door half an hour later.

CHAPTER TWO

Bob Bronson was one of those fellows who is always tinkering with something. When he wasn't building a wagon, he was making a new kind of bob-sled, or doing something else which served as an outlet for his abundance of youthful energy.

Pete Henderson was his companion in his many enterprises. They had tried about everything possible for a couple of sixteen-year-old boys, from an unsuccessful attempt at being private detectives, to a very successful season as lemonade merchants selling to passing autodrivers along the State Road.

But now they were busy on a new idea. This idea got its start when Bob's Uncle Ben gave him a chemical laboratory as a birthday present, a few weeks before. They had added to the original equipment and had set up a combined shop and laboratory in one corner of Bob's cellar. And there they had mastered the wonders of Chemistry in a short time.

Then Bob's liking for inventing new things had crept up, and they turned their attention to the invention of the apparatus upon which they had just put the finishing touches. They were both sworn to absolute secrecy; no not but they knew what it was, and they guarded their secret well and successfully.

They had worked hard at it, giving up in despair at first, and then after months of practice, interest, learning, sorrow, and even failure, until now they had finished their work and were impatient for the final trial. Though Bob did not know it at that time, and it was several years before he learned it, he had made a discovery which would change the world.

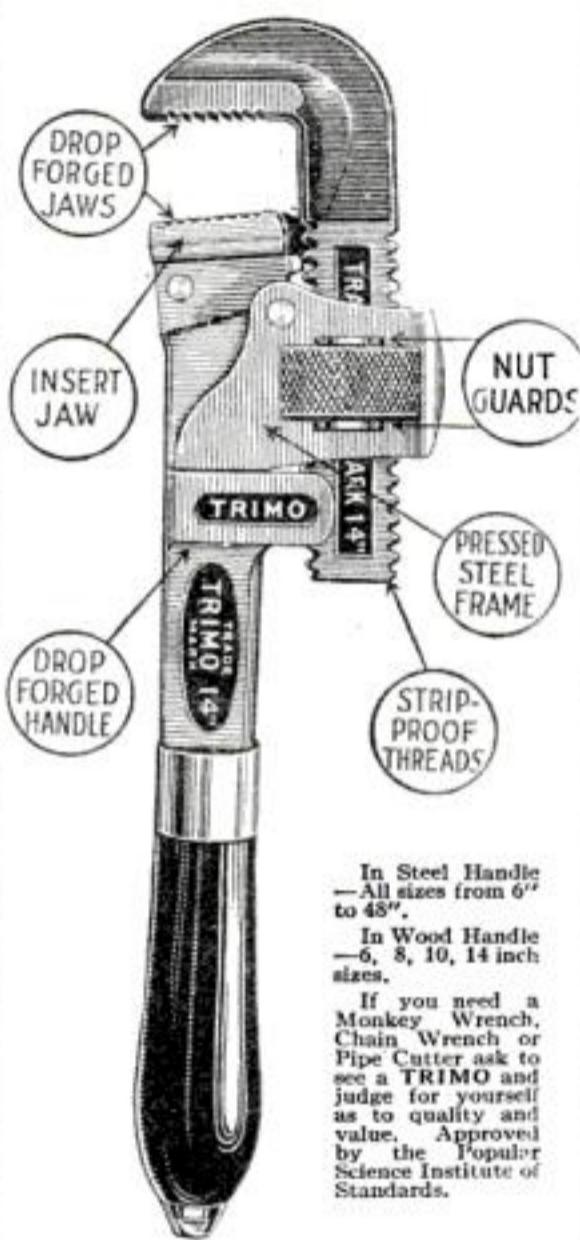
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Timing an Auto Ignition System

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IGNITION timing and engine timing, as mentioned last month, are two distinct operations. Ignition timing refers to the proper setting of the contact-breaker arrangement (commutator or timer in the case of the Ford), while engine timing, which was discussed last month, refers to the opening and closing of the valves.

In valve timing, work is done with the piston in cylinder No. 1 on the end of the exhaust stroke, the exhaust valve just closing and the intake valve just opening. One complete turn of the engine crank-shaft and flywheel will bring piston No. 1 on top dead center again; but this is the compression stroke. It is the one used for timing the spark to the engine.

The reader is familiar with the four-stroke cycle of the four-cycle engine. First comes intake on the first down stroke of the piston; the gas drawn in then is compressed on the second or up stroke of the piston. At that point (upper dead center compression stroke) the spark occurs and the charge is fired.

The third stroke is the power stroke in which the piston is driven down, and the fourth stroke is the one in which the up-coming piston drives the burned gases before it. Thus we have intake, compression, power, exhaust, in a continuous chain of cycles of four strokes each. These things are mentioned here because it is so easy for the owner to get into the habit of thinking that all that is necessary is to get piston No. 1 on top dead center and then set the ignition to it. Piston No. 1 must be on top dead center, but on the compression and not on the exhaust stroke.

In timing ignition, the motorist first should turn the engine over until at the end of the exhaust stroke the exhaust valve closes and the intake valve starts to open. The operation of the valves is watched by noting the action of the valve lifters (remove the cover plate if necessary). One full turn of the crankshaft then will bring the piston to the end of the compression stroke and the engine should be stopped with the piston on exact top dead center.

If the cylinder head is off, this is easy, because the movement of the piston is visible. If the cylinder head is not off the engine, the spark plug should be removed and a wire inserted to rest on the piston top. If the spark plug is set to one side

of the piston, make an indicator such as the one illustrated and insert it in the spark-plug hole in such a way that the stick is held in an upright position and rigid. The pointer then indicates very accurately top dead center. Of course, if the markings on the flywheel for top dead center are known to be right and they are readily accessible, they should be used for top dead center location.

With this most important point carefully located, turn the engine forward until the piston has dropped 1/64 in. in the cylinder, or the flywheel has traveled through 5 degrees. Allow the engine to rest in that position and remove the distributor cap. Set the manual control on the steering gear so that the lever is in spark-retarded position.

Note whether the contact points within the distributor or igniter head have opened or broken, or whether they are about to break. If they are found to be just on the point of opening or ready to open, the setting of the cam should not be changed. If they are not close to their proper position, it will be necessary to loosen the little screw in the center of the igniter shaft and raise the cam that operates the breaker arm off the tapered end of the shaft so that it is

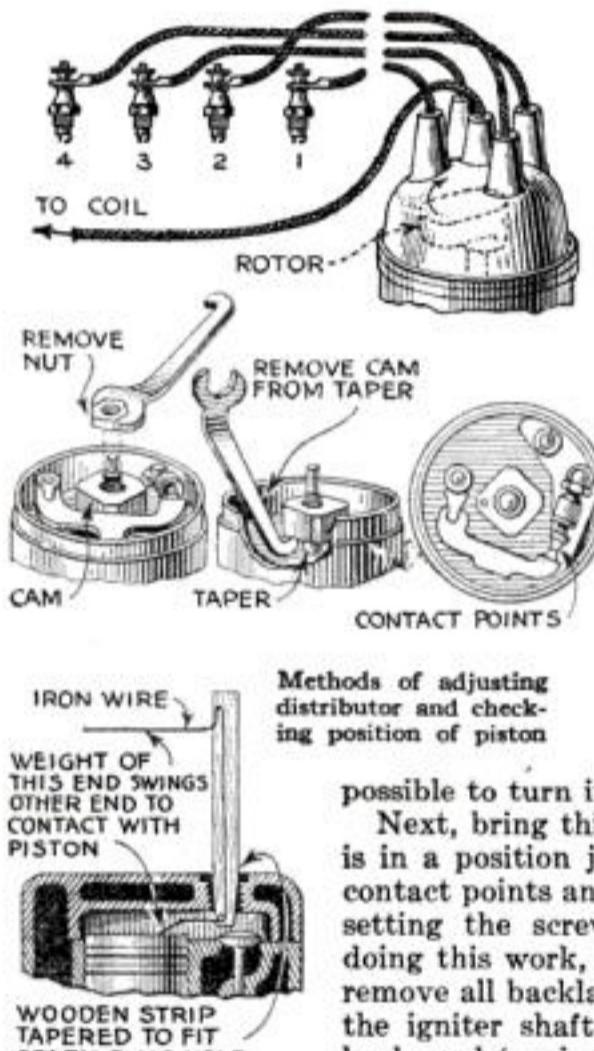
possible to turn it freely.

Next, bring this cam forward until it is in a position just about to open the contact points and lock it in position by setting the screw back snug. While doing this work, it will be necessary to remove all backlash or lost motion from the igniter shaft by turning the shaft backward (against the direction of rotation) and maintain it in that position until the cam is locked.

Another point where trouble may be experienced by the car owner is that in getting the igniter to break properly, it is adjusted so that the high-tension spark or jump spark is led to the wrong cylinder. To avoid this mistake, it is always worth while to maintain the settings just described until the rotor is replaced in the igniter and the distributor cap held in place, when it may be noted whether the outer end of the rotor, with its brass or carbon brush, is under or in contact with the copper segment or point that has a wire running to cylinder No. 1.

If this is correct, the timing is complete and accurate, unless other wires are off the head, in which case it will be necessary to run the successive wires from the distributor head to the successive cylinders of the engine in their firing order.

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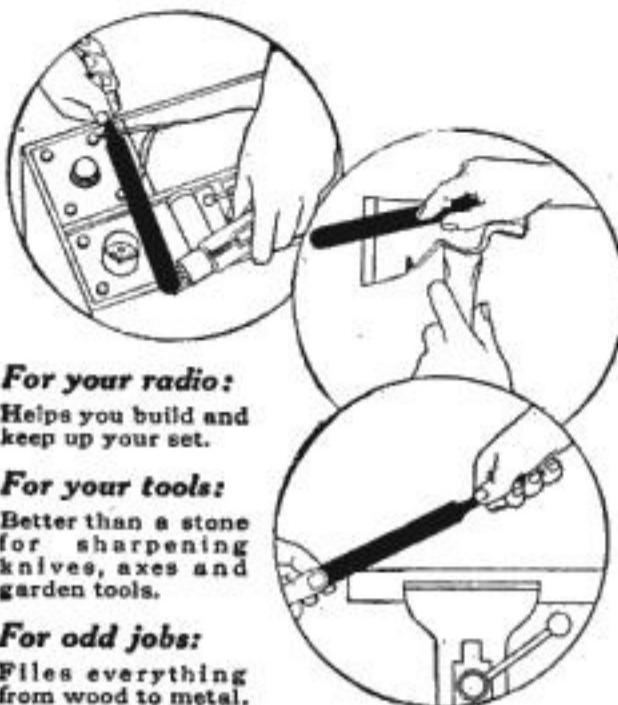
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Timing an Ignition System

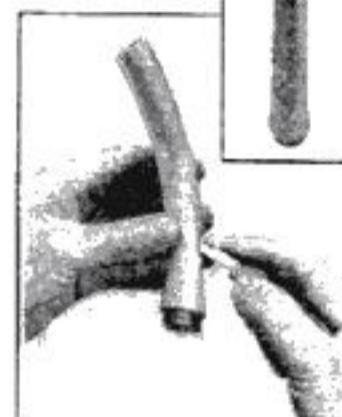
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The beginner sometimes has the idea that the cylinders starting from the first one fire in order. This is never true. A four-cylinder engine may fire 1-3-4-2, or 1-2-4-3, but never 1-2-3-4. Sixes may have a number of firing orders, and this must be learned on occasion. It is usually stamped clearly on the engine.

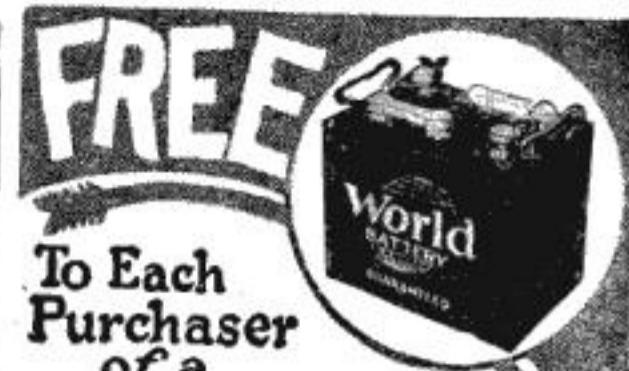
There are many variations of the above methods, especially with reference to the construction of the igniter. These cannot be given here, but the underlying principle is the same. The spark, when the manual control is in retarded position, must be made to occur (by properly setting the breaker) at a point from 5 to 10 degrees past top dead center, compression stroke, and the spark thus obtained must be led from the distributor head to the proper cylinder, and other and succeeding sparks to their proper cylinders in turn.

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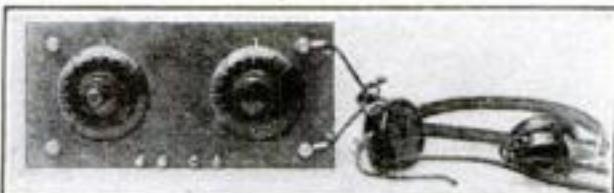
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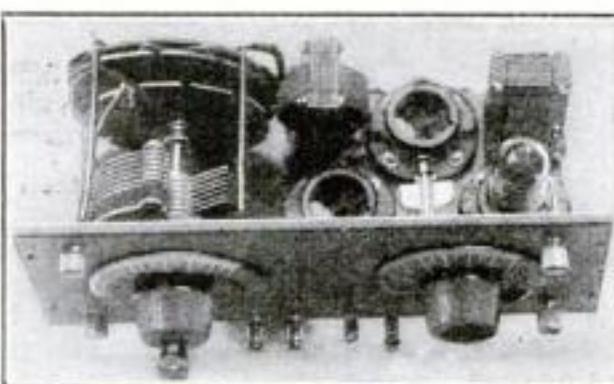
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Unique Tuning Unit Saves Space in Radio Set
By Kenneth M. Swezey

OCCASIONALLY a radio receiving set is wanted that is especially compact or one that has adjustments simple enough for a child to manipulate. As there is little latitude for crowding together the detector or amplifier sections, and these parts require few adjustments, the com-



Compact three-tube set using special tuner

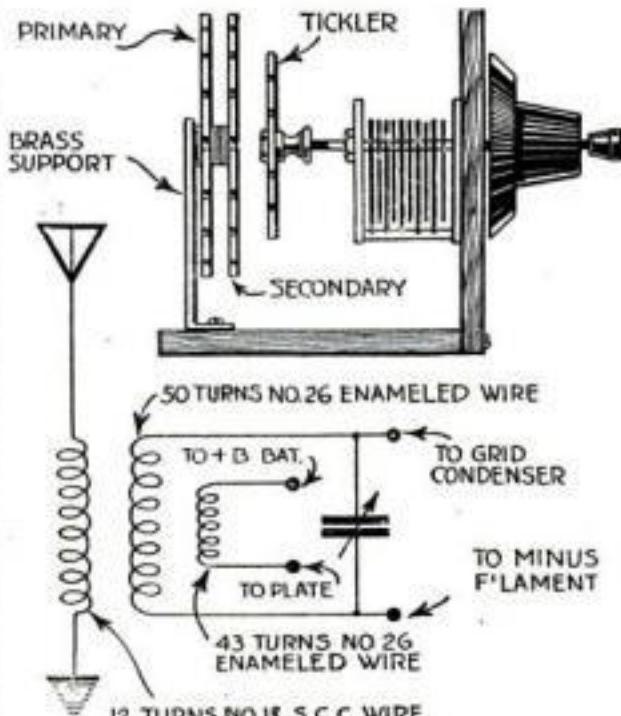


Top view, showing tuning condenser and coils

pactness and simplicity must be incorporated in the tuning unit.

The tuning apparatus illustrated fills both requirements nicely, is inexpensive, and is easily constructed.

First, obtain a variable condenser having a maximum capacity of from .00025 to .0005 mfd. It should be of the type having a single-plate Vernier attachment in the rear that is operated by varying a small knob in the center of the dial. From this the Vernier plates should be removed and in place of the original shaft a longer



Details and wiring diagram of special tuner

one of the same diameter should be provided. This should project back about $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. past the rear bearing.

Thread about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of each end of this shaft, one end for the Vernier knob and the other for a couple of nuts and a spider-web form.

The coil that goes on this shaft is the tickler. It should be wound on a spider-
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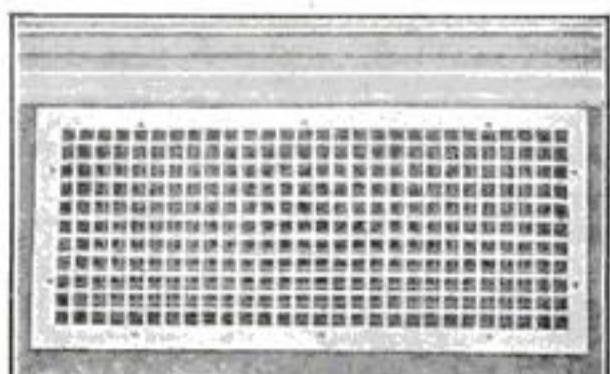
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Wall Grille near Ceiling Aids Hot-Air Circulation

THE home builder who has located the register for his pipeless furnace in a central hall close to the living-room door often finds the living-room to be the coldest part of the bungalow.

The heat rises rapidly to the ceiling into a "pocket" higher than the door opening. Then the heated air floats toward the back of the hall and drifts



A grille between two rooms improves the heating efficiency of a pipeless furnace system

through open doors where no strong current of rising hot air prevents its entrance.

This difficulty may be overcome by installing an ornamental grille of heavy tin enameled to match the woodwork. It is set in the wall between the living-room and hall as near the ceiling as possible.—A. MAY HOLADAY, San José, Calif.

Unique Tuning Unit

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web form 3 in. in diameter—43 turns of No. 26 s.c.c. or enameled wire. A nut on the condenser side and a very thin nut on the other side will hold the coil securely to the shaft. Instead of the former rotary motion of the vernier, the new shaft moves in and out.

When this coil is in place, the condenser and tickler unit may be mounted on a panel in the usual manner.

Next come the primary and secondary coils. These are both wound on 3½-in. spider-web forms. The primary coil consists of 12 turns of No. 18 s.c.c. wire and the secondary, of 50 turns of No. 26 enameled wire.

The mounting for these two coils is in the form of a bracket made as shown from a strip of brass. A machine screw passes through them, with a nut between to separate them about ¼ in.

The bracket should be fastened to the sub-base at a point that allows the tickler coil, at its full extension, to come as close as possible to the secondary coil without actually touching. The secondary coil faces toward the condenser, and the primary toward the rear of the base.

In operation this arrangement is simplicity itself. The primary is aperiodic and responds equally well over the ordinary band of broadcast wave lengths. The secondary is tuned entirely by the variable condenser. When the tuning has been accomplished, the proper amount of regeneration may be obtained by moving the tickler coil in and out. Finally, a slight readjustment is made of the secondary condenser and the tickler.

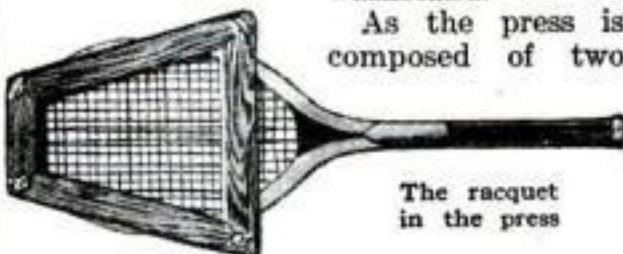
The unit may be connected with any vacuum-tube detector and audio-frequency amplifier.

How to Construct a Press for Your Tennis Racquet

WINTER evenings provide an opportunity for making and repairing sporting equipment and doing the odd jobs the outdoor man or boy is not so apt to undertake at other times of the year. One useful piece of equipment that may be made is a tennis press.

The type illustrated is a modification of the usual square press. Three of the sides are 11 in. long; the other is 5½ in. Any light-weight wood 1¼ in. wide by ¾ in. thick will do. The one shown was made from the towel-rack of an old ash washstand.

As the press is composed of two



The racquet in the press

frames, one for each side of the racquet, cut six pieces 11½ in. long and two 5½ in. long. Next, construct a small miter-box of three pieces of wood; make one angle sawcut of 38 and another of 53 degrees, using a protractor for the purpose.

The 38-degree joints are at the lower ends in the illustration and the 53-degree joints at the top. Assemble the frames on the bench, and, with the aid of a vise, make a sawcut in the edge of the wood at each corner so that the slit shows 1¼ in. long. Keys of veneer or pieces cut from wood from fruit baskets are inserted in the slits. See that they fit snugly.

Spread glue evenly at the joints, and insert the bits of thin wood into the saw cuts. Work quickly if you are using hot glue.

Allow several hours for the glue to set. Trim off surplus wood, and round corners neatly. Plane lightly if there are any inequalities in the fit of the joints. Finish with sandpaper.

Bore holes in each corner to accommodate 3-in. bolts of ¼-in. diameter. Use bolts with round heads and wingnuts that screw down on washers to save the wood.—AUSTIN G. TRIBUTE, Toronto, Can.

Merry-Go-Round Furnishes Fun

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screw. The pole should be left overnight so that it will be frozen in solidly.

Mount a 12-ft.-long plank on top of the wheel and fasten a rope at each end to hold the seats. These are built of 2 by 4 in. by 12 ft. pieces held about 1 ft. apart by four short pieces arranged as shown. Run the ends of the ropes through holes bored near the ends of each seat and knot on the under side.

A little axle grease for the wheel bearing will help, and the friction can be reduced further by the use of a large iron washer between wheel hub and post top.

While the device is intended for turning, it can be made to oscillate if the center cleats are omitted and the seat stringers set 2 or 3 ft. apart.



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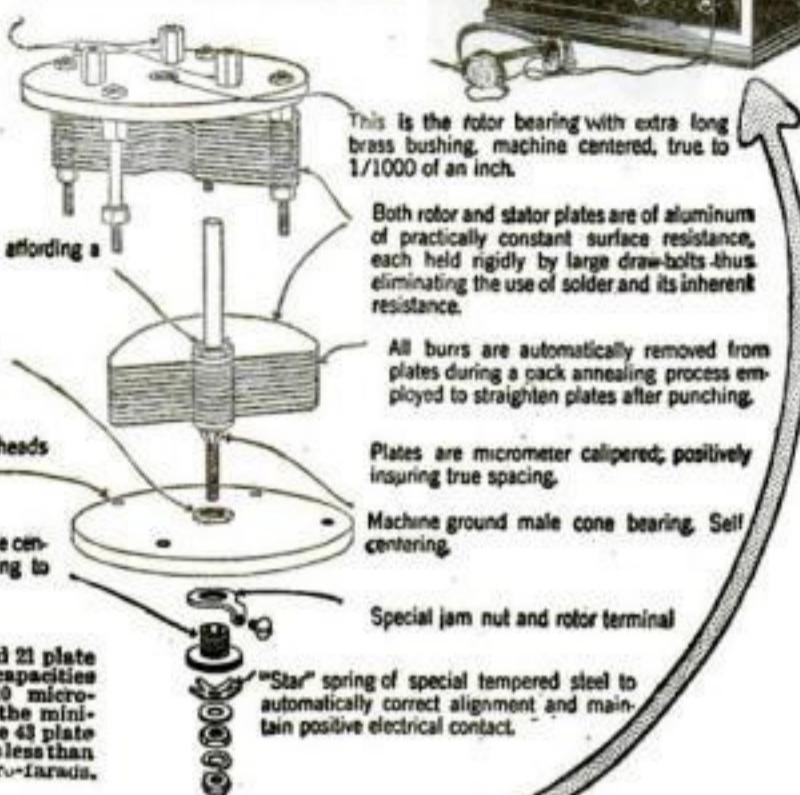
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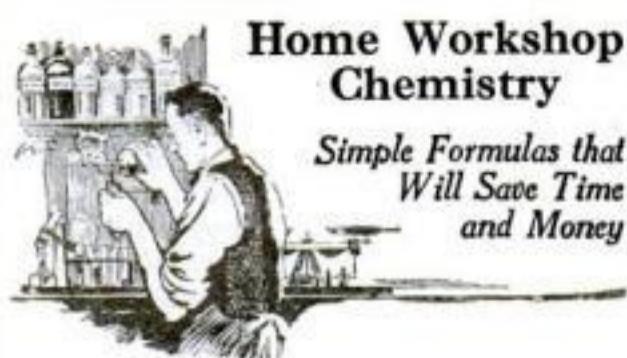
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Home Workshop Chemistry

Simple Formulas that Will Save Time and Money



MUCILAGE and paste are so constantly used that one quite often finds the supply has run out just when it is most needed. It is a simple matter, however, to make up a jar of adhesive from materials that are or should be in the chemical cabinet of every reader of this column.

Gum tragacanth is excellent for making mucilage, as it has great adhesive properties and also is cheap. One ounce of this gum is sufficient to make a quart or more, depending upon the consistency of the paste desired.

Place a teaspoon of powdered gum in a large bottle. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup denatured alcohol and mix thoroughly. Care should be taken to break up all lumps. The entire gum should be in a very fine powder. Then add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water and stir. A thick paste results. If too thick, thin with cold water.



A colored ink for marking directly on bottles, glassware, or windows can be made from shellac, alcohol, borax, and a dye

Another mucilage can be made by dissolving 1 teaspoon of gum arabic in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water, adding 5 or 6 drops of glycerine.

If desired, these gums may be mixed, but there is very little advantage over the gums used individually and it is not recommended.

The above pastes are acid free and therefore are adapted for mounting photographic prints, for which a glue free from chemicals must be employed. This does not mean that this paste is restricted for this purpose; it can be used wherever paste of any character is to be employed.

At times it becomes necessary to write on glass, especially on bottles kept in the home workshop. This is accomplished most conveniently with a specially prepared ink. Dissolve a rounded teaspoonful of shellac in 7 teaspoons of alcohol. Then dissolve in another glass 1 teaspoon borax in 8 teaspoons of water. When both have dissolved, pour the borax solution carefully into the alcoholic shellac, stirring continually. This darkens the shellac solution.

Now add any dye to color the liquid,
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Home Workshop Chemistry*(Continued from page 132)*

but first try a small quantity, about a teaspoonful, to see if the resulting color will be dark enough. Such dye as rubber-stamp ink can be used, and if this is not available, it is possible to use the lead of an indelible pencil. This lead will dissolve in the liquid and dye it sufficiently for use.

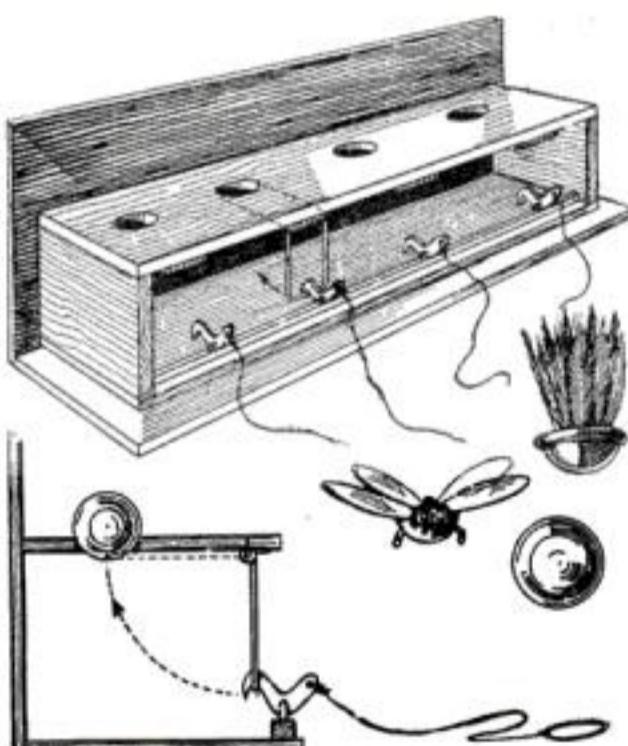
Apply the ink with either pen or brush. The result will be a ground-glass effect in the color of the dye employed.

To remove a rusted machine screw from metal parts, put a little oil on the screw. Heat a long iron wire over an alcohol burner or other heater to red heat and hold the wire on the screw head for a minute or two. Let the screw cool, adding more oil if all has evaporated. When cold, the screw usually can be removed with ease. If it still refuses to loosen, heat again and apply more oil. This is one of the best and quickest methods of removing rusted machine screws.

"Catch 'Em Alive" Game*(Continued from page 96)*

like stage scenery. This is to prevent the catchers from seeing the flying objects until they are well in the air.

The objects may be light celluloid balls, shuttlecocks or light birds or flies made of wood and wire. Their varying weights will give different rates and directions of flight, thus adding to the excitement. Each butterfly net is a ring of wire about



Flat mouse-traps or springs taken from them are used to shoot the objects into the air

6 in. in diameter, which is fastened to a light handle and covered with a small net.

To play the game, one person pulls the mouse-trap springs down until the catches engage them, places the objects in the holes, and springs the traps, one at a time, by pulling the strings. The strings should be bunched together so that the players will not know which trap is to be sprung.

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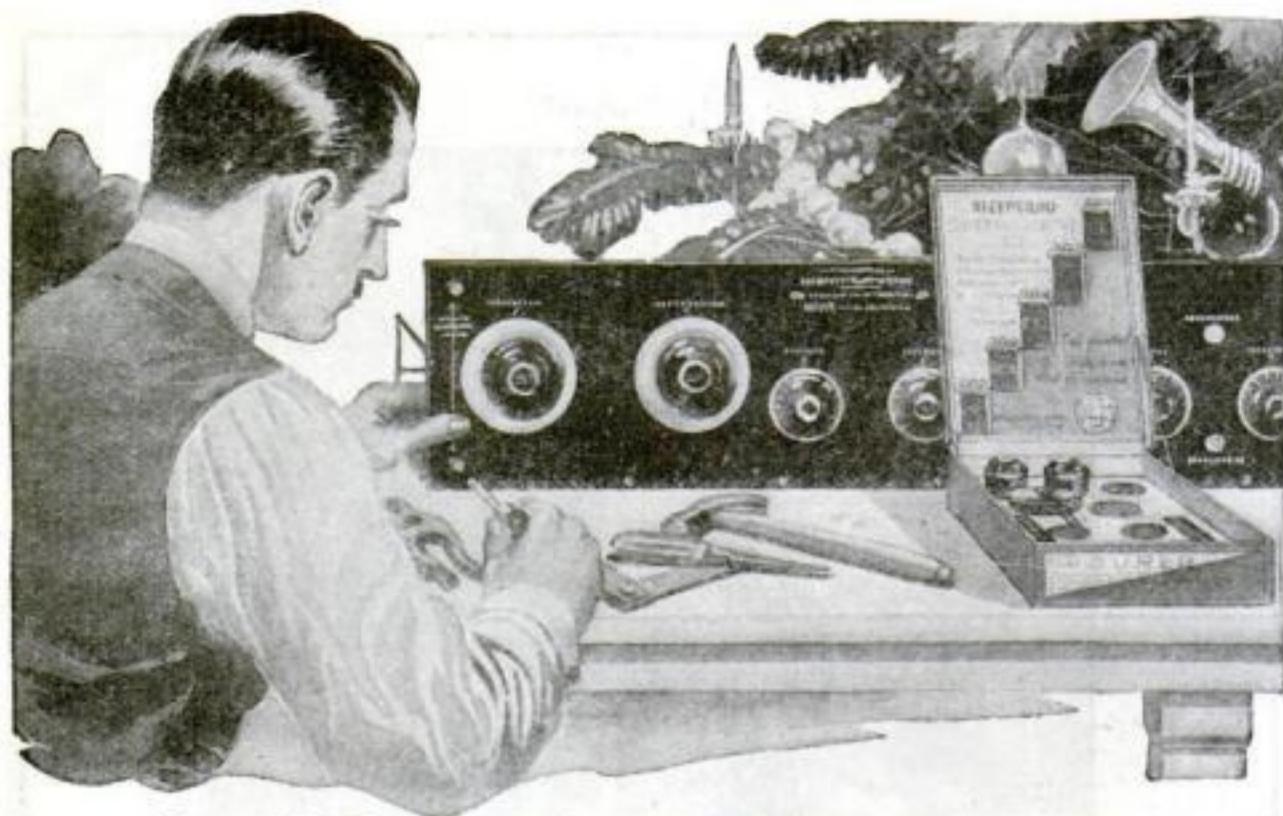
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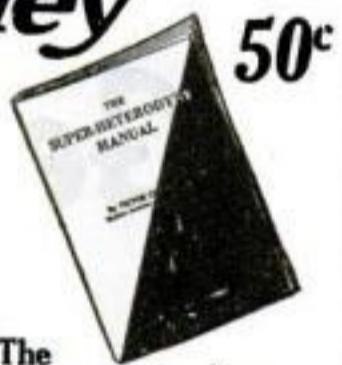
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Setting Up Your Christmas Tree

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the paper is wet, but will be almost indistinguishable beneath the coating of plaster after it has hardened. Indeed, there will be just enough printing visible to give the grayish tone of weather-worn rocks. The more time you spend in shaping crags, peaks and other mountain formations, the more realistic the mountain will be. The effect will be enhanced by lighting the model so the rocks will project strong shadows.

Care should be taken to conceal with rocks and boulders the edges of the pan containing the water pool. Small stones may be scattered in the foreground and used for ballast for the railroad track.

Trees may be made in several ways. Pieces of sponge dipped in green paint thinned with turpentine to the consistency of stain, make excellent trees and brush. Sticks may be fastened to sponges for tree-trunks.

Another form of a toy tree is made by whittling shavings on all sides of a stick, from one end to within an inch or two of the other, leaving all intact except those at the end, which should be cut off



Santa Claus's log cabin, a bridge, and two types of simply made miniature trees

to make a pointed tip. Whittle the other end of the stick round for the tree trunk. The homemade trees and brush are illustrated in the accompanying diagram.

The mountain model would be incomplete without Santa Claus's cabin. Use a candy box for this. Fasten two pieces of cardboard to its top to form a gable roof, and fill in the gable ends with triangular pieces of cardboard. Use pieces of grapevine, morning-glory vine, or any small twigs for the wall logs and stick chimney. Coat the cardboard walls with glue, except at the doors and windows, and lay up the twigs in log-cabin fashion. Details of the cabin also are shown.

Throw a pioneer bridge across a chasm for a foot trail crossing, as suggested in the upper photograph on page 91. Make this of tree branches with smaller pieces for handrails and supports (see the diagram above). And do not forget to put up a telephone wire on poles, and to rig up a radio aerial, that Santa Claus may have communication with the world.

A few small animals such as can be purchased in novelty stores may be

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Improving Hot-Air Furnace Pipes that Do Not Draw

MOST hot-air heating systems have at least one pipe that does not seem to draw heat to the same extent as the other pipes. Such a pipe may be improved by extending it into the hot-air bonnet so that it reaches over the center of the furnace radiator and gets a greater proportion of heat than the other pipes.

To provide such an extension, remove the pipe at the casing and form what I call

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Two hot-air pipe extensions, one for a pipeless and the other for a pipe furnace

a "thief" from a piece of tin 20 by 28 in. It should be small enough in diameter to slip through the pipe collar. Cut off the bottom of it at an angle, as shown, and fasten it with wire, to hold it in shape. Then insert it in the collar with the open side over the furnace casting. Replace the main pipe, fastening the joint solidly and covering it with asbestos paper.

The circulation of air from a so-called pipeless furnace can be improved in the morning, when the house is cold, by placing a rolled-up tube of metal about 18 in. high over the warm air or central portion of the floor register. This carries the hot air higher in the room and creates more rapid circulation.—C. W. HUBERTZ.

Sandpaper Roll for Lathe

EVERY one who works with a wood-turning lathe knows the time and trouble that can be saved by putting sandpaper on a round piece of wood and letting the lathe do the work. The problem of how to attach the sheet of sandpaper to the wood has been solved in my own case by the method illustrated. All that is necessary is to turn the wood, saw out a wedge, and bore and countersink three screw holes. Wrap the sandpaper around the block, putting the ends in the groove; then screw the wedge in place.—E. J. Q.



The sandpaper is held by a wedge

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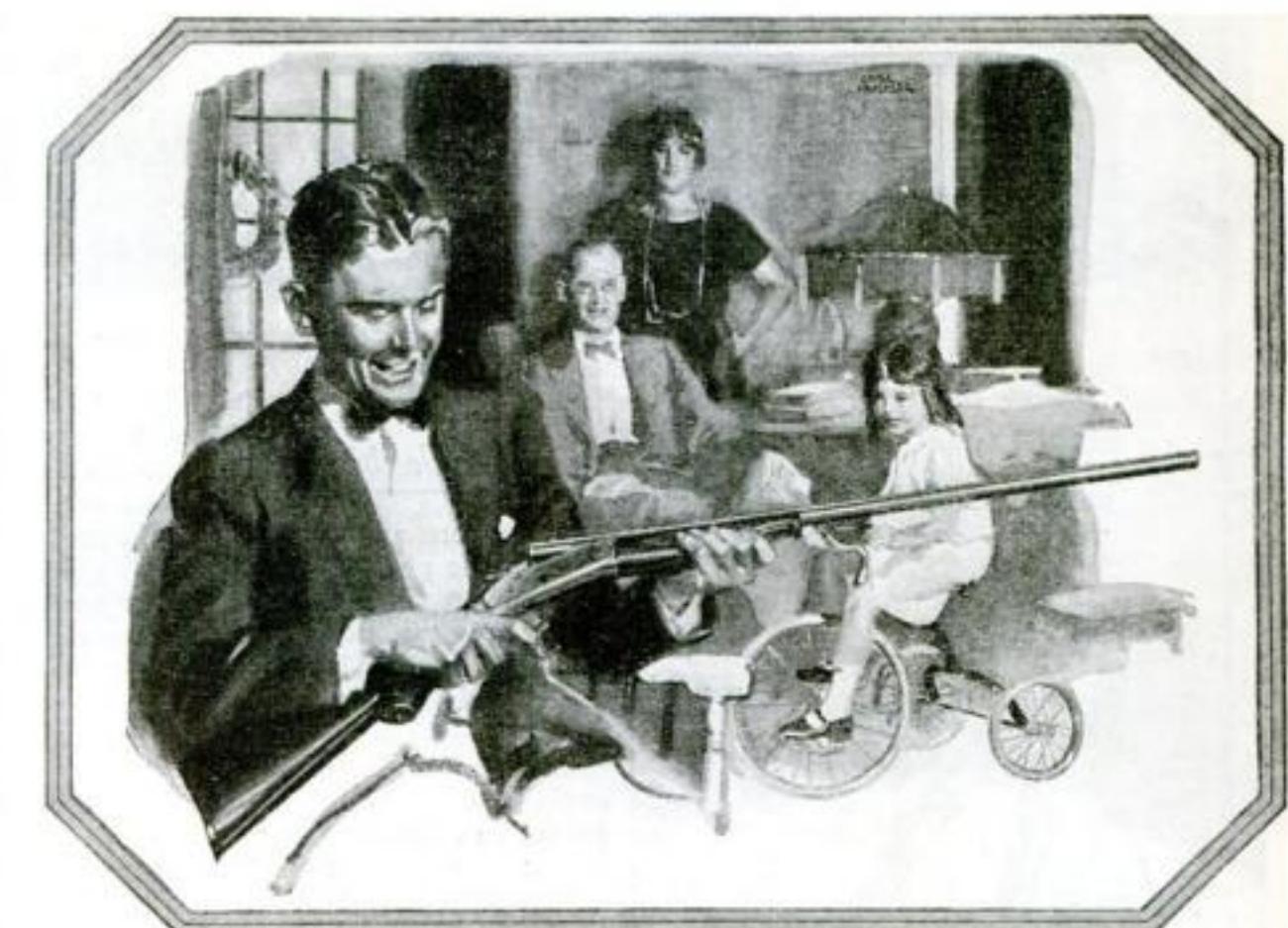
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Much expense, both for water and for plumbers, can be avoided if the homeowner will learn how the "innards" of a toilet tank operate and go to the trouble of making the repairs himself. Most plumbers are glad enough to have you do such jobs yourself, as in these days of intensive building, they do not find these minor repair jobs especially profitable.

The one way to make sure that the toilets in your home are not leaking is to give them a thorough examination. Put your ear down near the tank of each one and listen. If you hear a murmur, it means there is a leak.

The rod with the round copper float on its end, which you see extending across the tank when you lift off the cover, sometimes gets out of adjustment so that it fails to shut off the inflow valve before the water in the tank reaches the top of the overflow tube. As a result, there is a slow, constant drainage of water.

To remedy this, bend down just a little the rod to which the copper float is attached. This should be done carefully by bending the rod in the middle when holding it in both hands. Do not attempt to bend the rod by grasping the copper float, as you simply will twist it loose. If necessary, you can unscrew the float first. Next, unscrew the rod itself, then lay the rod on the floor and hold half of it with your foot while you bend it up.

The effect you seek is, of course, to make the float rest a little lower down in the tank so that it will shut down on the incoming water a little sooner. There should be $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 in. between the surface of the water when the tank is full and the top of the overflow pipe.

It is not necessary to shut off the water before making this adjustment.

Undoubtedly the greatest single source of trouble in toilet tanks is the rubber ball that is supposed to close the outlet of the tank. It often swells or gets hard, which prevents its making a tight seat with the rim of the flush valve.

You can find out whether the ball is

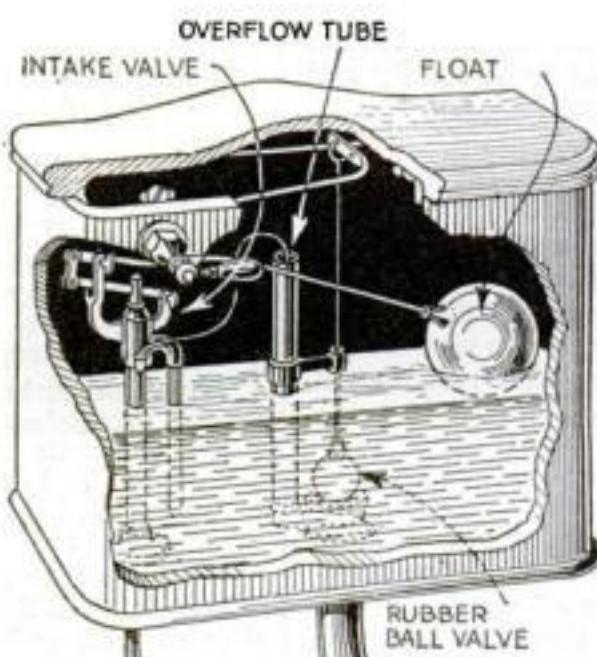
defective by feeling it. Also look into the bowl of the closet and see if there is a dribbling of water. If so, you have learned why your water-bills are unreasonably high.

If the ball seems defective or is old and worn-looking, the cheap and effective remedy is a new one, which can be purchased from any plumber for less than a dollar. There also is on the market at \$1.25 a pure gum tank-ball of different design from the ordinary variety. This patented mushroom ball is of heavy, pure rubber, and is guaranteed for three years.

The tank-ball should be unscrewed from the rod or "stem" to which it is attached. You may find the thread so corroded that it breaks when you start to unscrew the ball. If so, get a new rod along with a new ball. It will cost only a few cents.

A phosphor bronze tank-ball stem, which will not corrode as soon as the commoner kind, is worth getting.

A third frequent cause of leaks is that when the toilet is flushed, the rubber ball does not drop back into correct position, but rests a little off center and does not completely close the outlet. This frequently is due to the guide-arm's being slightly out of alignment with the



Few repairs to a flush tank of this type require a plumber's services

center of the flush valve. The remedy is to loosen with a knife-blade or other thin strip of steel (there is no room to operate a screwdriver) the screw that holds the guide-arm on the overflow tube. After loosening this screw, rotate the guide-arm until the stem and ball are exactly over the center of the flush valve.

A fourth danger spot to examine for leaks is the foot of the 1-in. brass overflow tube previously mentioned. This tube has a fine thread on its lower end, where it is screwed into an outlet leading into the flush pipe. Corrosion often starts a leak in the thin metal where this thread is exposed to the water.

Test the condition of the overflow tube by seeing if it is firm. Sometimes a slight twist will cause it to break off at the bottom because the threaded part is eaten half away. In case it is defective, a new tube is to be obtained at your plumber's for about 50 cents. The usual size is 1 by 11 in., but it is safer to measure the old pipe or take it to the plumber to be matched. There is now on

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the market an overflow tube made of hard rubber, which will not corrode.

If the tube breaks at the bottom, the remaining fragment of threaded pipe must be got out of the socket into which it is screwed. This is not hard to do, as the corroded metal is soft and pliable. Care must be taken, of course, not to damage the thread into which you want to screw the new tube. The guide-arm attached to the overflow tube must be removed before you can make this replacement.

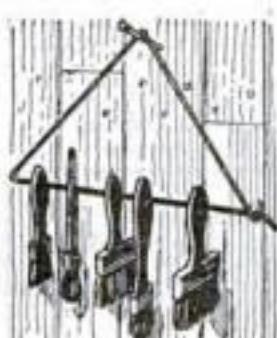
If any leaks you discover are not located in one of the places mentioned, by all means call a plumber rather than leave them unattended.—E. H. P.

Shallow Cupboards

IN MY kitchen is a press or cupboard made by leaving space between the studding when the room was lathed and plastered. It measures 4 by 4 ft. and is the depth of the 2 by 4 in. studding. There are five shelves each side of the center studding and the outside is trimmed with casing just as are the doors and windows. The back and shelves are covered with oilcloth. White curtains make it look dainty.—MRS. JOHN CLARKSON.

**Paint-Brush Holder**

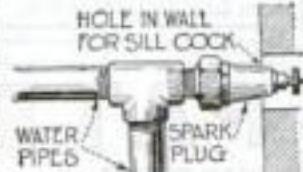
A HANDY thing for the shipshape home is a paint-brush holder. All that is needed is a length of stout wire; this will have to be about 26 in. long to hold 10 or 12 brushes. One end is turned up for about 1 in. to make a hook. Eight inches from this point the wire is bent at an angle of about 60 degrees, and 8 in. farther a similar bend is made. The end of the wire is then bent a trifle to hold in the hook at the other end.



A hole slightly larger than the wire is drilled in each brush about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the end of the handle, so that the brushes can be run on the wire and hung up.

Disconnecting a Sill-Cock

WHEN no method has been provided for shutting off the garden-hose sill-cock, it is well to turn off the water temporarily, disconnect the pipe that leads through the foundation, and plug it. If the water line is the usual $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe, an old automobile spark plug may be used as a plug. In the spring the sill-cock and connecting pipe can be replaced readily.—O. M. A.



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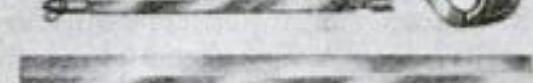
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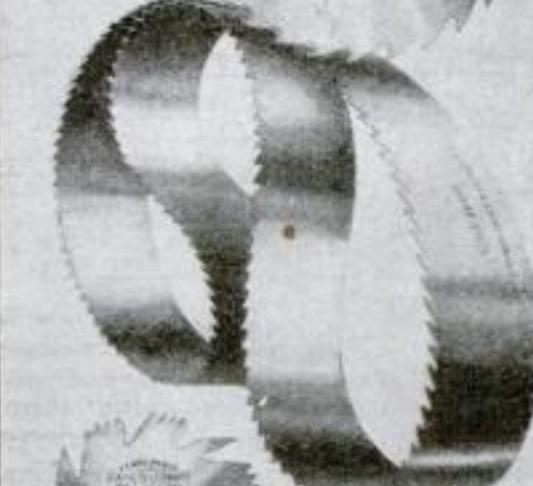
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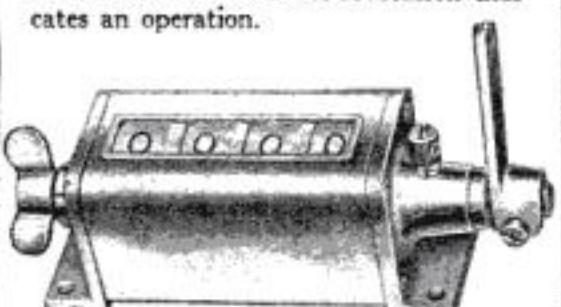
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Applying Weather-Strip

VERY few homeowners would tolerate a broken window or a glass panel removed from an outside door, yet many homes have unprotected windows and doors with many crevices. The openings may be inconspicuous, but they add to the fuel bill and detract from the family's comfort. Only plumbers can tell how many pipes burst every winter because of cold drafts of air from ill-fitting windows and doors.

The work of weather-stripping a house is far from difficult unless some of the

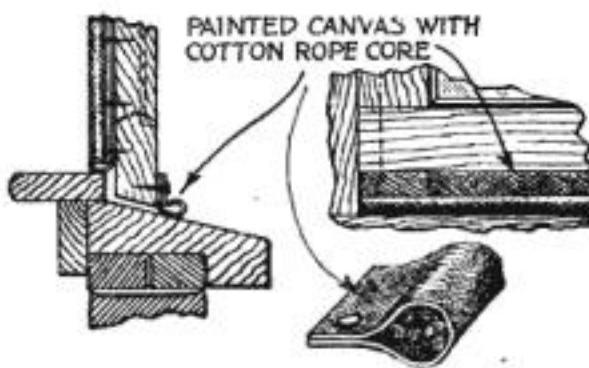


Fig. 1. Homemade weather-strip made of canvas and soft cotton rope, fastened with brass tacks

special patent metal weather-strips are used, when a skilled worker and special tools are needed. Luckily the home worker can obtain good results with the simpler types of weather-strips.

Combined wood-and-felt and wood-and-rubber strips, metal-and-rubber strips, and flexible rubber and felt strips are common varieties that can be purchased at hardware stores. Preference and price govern the type selected, but all are good if properly applied. Indeed, the ingenious home-owner can make up weather-stripping in an emergency from other material, if he wishes.

One of the best improvised weather-strips that the writer has seen was an ap-

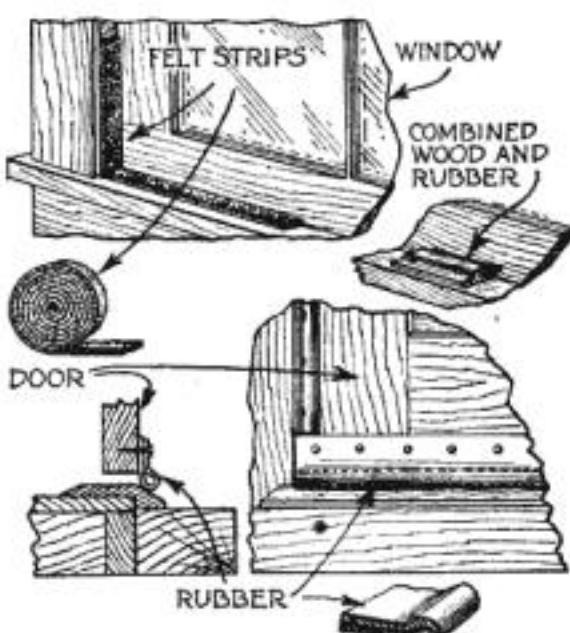


Fig. 2. Method of applying felt, rubber and combined wood-and-rubber or wood-and-felt strips

plication of canvas and cotton rope, illustrated in Fig. 1. Strips of canvas 2½ in. wide were folded over a rope core made of soft cotton string. These were fastened with brass tacks spaced 2 in. apart. The strips then were painted with linseed oil
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In another instance a home-owner who had difficulty in obtaining weather-strips that would be effective at the lower edges of the doors, cut some strips of rubber from old automobile inner tubes. These were folded and tacked on, the rubber forming a cushion-like inclosure. This proved so satisfactory that the owner substituted the homemade weather-stripping throughout the house.

There are a few points to remember in applying the simpler types of weather-stripping mentioned above. At the bottom of doors it is preferable to place the strip on the outside edge of the door, if possible, but if the door swings in the strip often has to be placed on the inside so as not to interfere with closing the door. The side strips for the door are placed on the door-stops.

If the inside stops of a common double-hung window-sash are fitted tightly enough against the lower sash—and they can be removed easily and made tight—it usually is not necessary to put weather-stripping around the lower sash. However, a strip on the outside of the bottom rail of the lower sash is sometimes desirable and is especially so with the casement type of window.

At the junction of the upper and lower sash, there is usually no need for weather-strip, if the catch is adjusted to pull the sashes close together. If necessary, a single thickness of felt or rubber may be placed on the beveled inside face of the meeting rail of the upper sash.

Where weather-strip is mainly necessary on windows is around the sides and top of the upper sash on the outside. Weather-strip made with felt should not be nailed so as to press too snugly against the window, as it may swell.

The careful worker will find it advisable to tack on weather-strips at first in a few places and then move the windows up and down before nailing the strips solidly.

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By Kenneth B. Murray

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Fig. 1 (at right): An ornamental bookmark

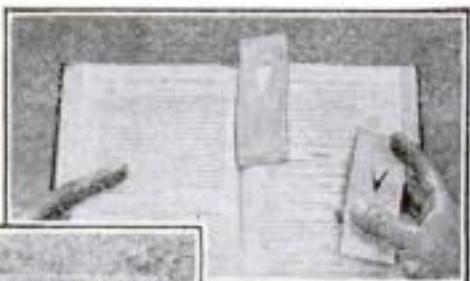


Fig. 2 (at left): The photograph and the decorative border were made at one printing. The stippled effect around the edges is obtained by printing through fine red tissue paper

of thin red tissue paper. An exposure of five or 10 seconds is sufficient. The red tissue has tiny holes in it, invisible to the naked eye. The light passes through these holes and gives the marble effect to the printing paper. Development is made in the usual manner.

Figure 1 illustrates a bookmark of double-weight paper prepared in this way. In Fig. 2 is shown how the ornamental paper obtained by this method may be used to form a border for a photograph. In this case the red tissue has a hole the size of the negative, and

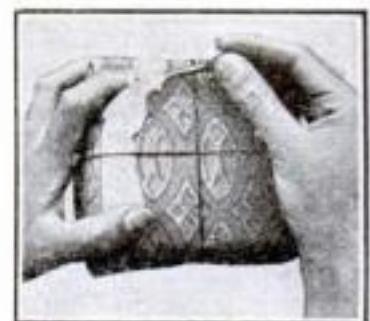
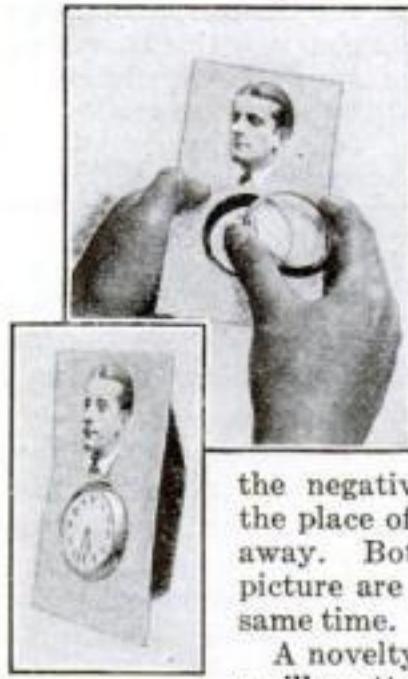


Fig. 3 (above): Silhouette applied to Christmas package



the negative itself takes the place of the tissue cut away. Both border and picture are printed at the same time.

A novelty in the way of a silhouette cut from the paper and pasted on a Christmas package is shown in Fig. 3.

By using double-weight paper and reinforcing it with cardboard, a pretty desk clock can be made, as in Fig. 4. A picture of the donor is printed on the paper at the same time the marble-like effect is pro-

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Pullman Dining Alcove Built from Home Workshop Blueprint



Dining alcove made by 16-year-old John Mitchell from Home Workshop Blueprint No. 33

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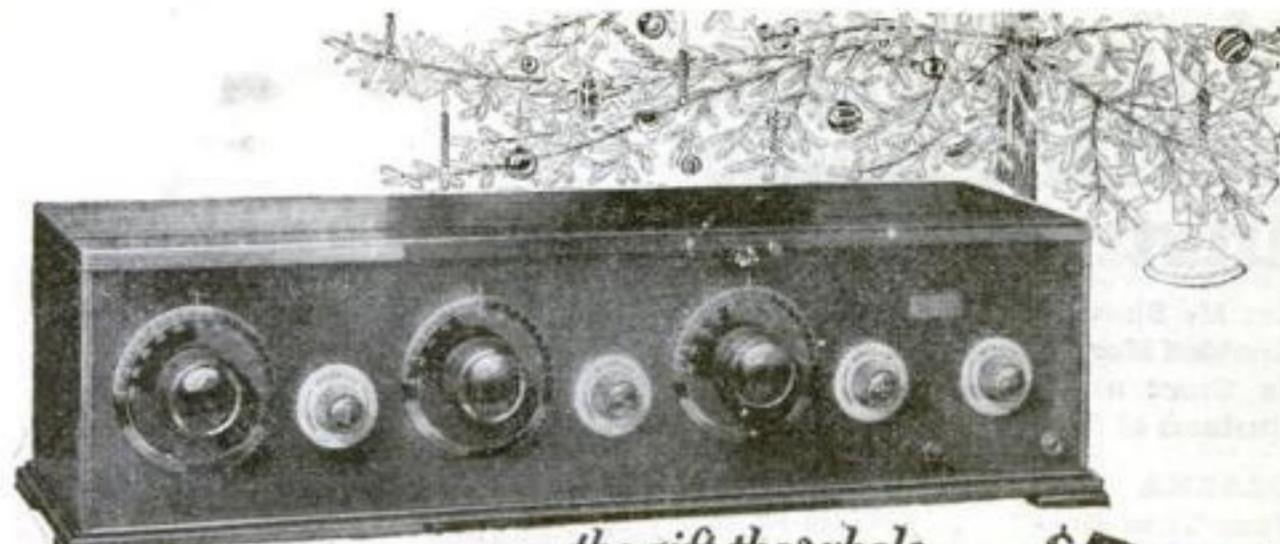
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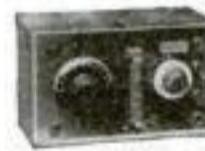
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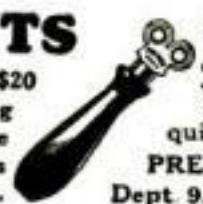
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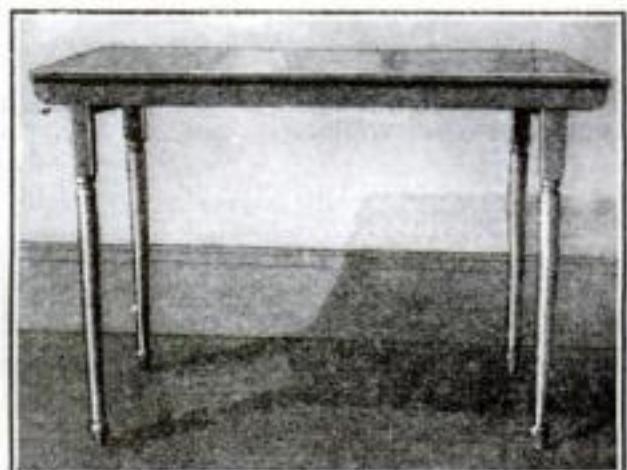
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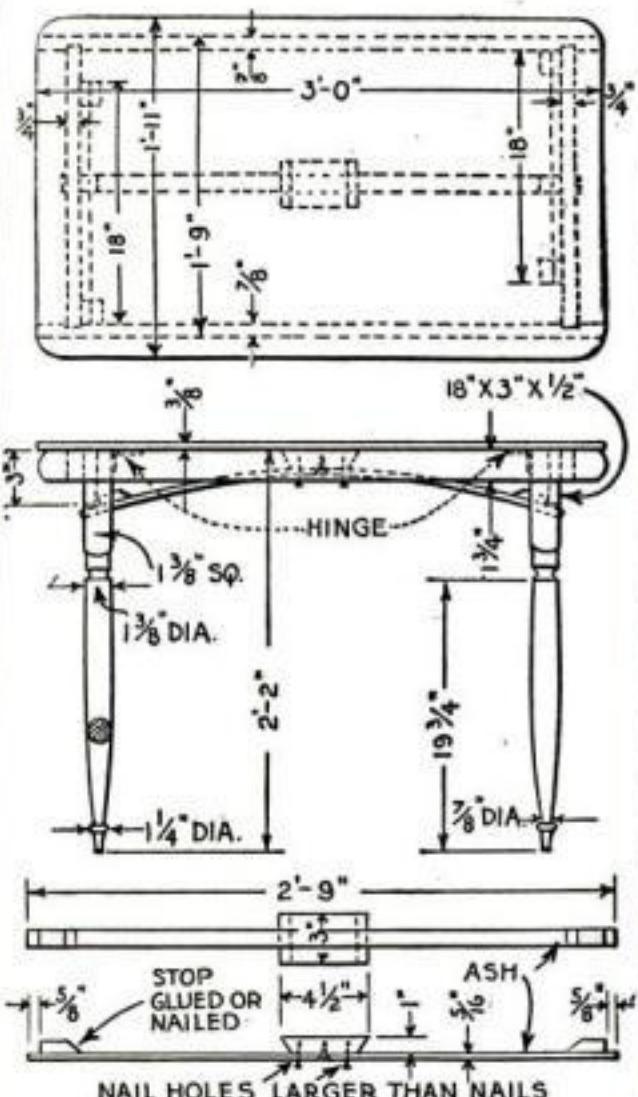
The top is $\frac{3}{8}$ by 23 in. by 3 ft. with rounded corners. On the under side a frame is fastened by means of flat-head wood screws. The frame requires two strips, $\frac{3}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. by 3 ft., which are



This useful little table may be stored in a small space, as the legs fold inward

connected 1 in. from each end by two cross members, $\frac{3}{4}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 20 in.

The four legs are turned to the dimensions shown from $1\frac{3}{8}$ -in. square stock. Each pair is connected by a strip $\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 by 18 in. They are fastened to the top by means of table hinges or other extra



Top and front views of the table and details of the wooden spring catch

wide and heavy hinges, although ordinary butt hinges will serve.

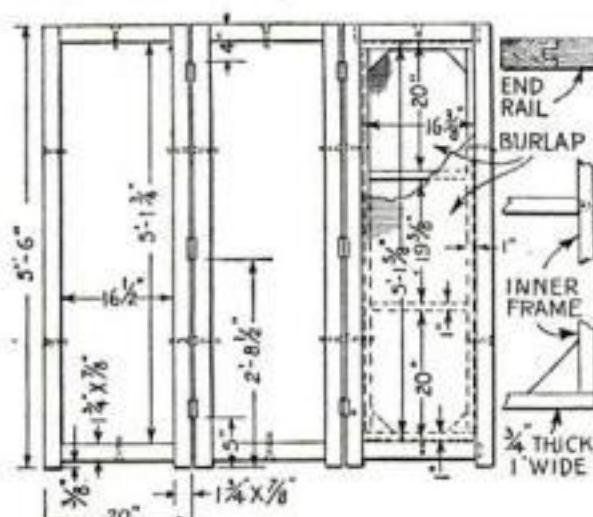
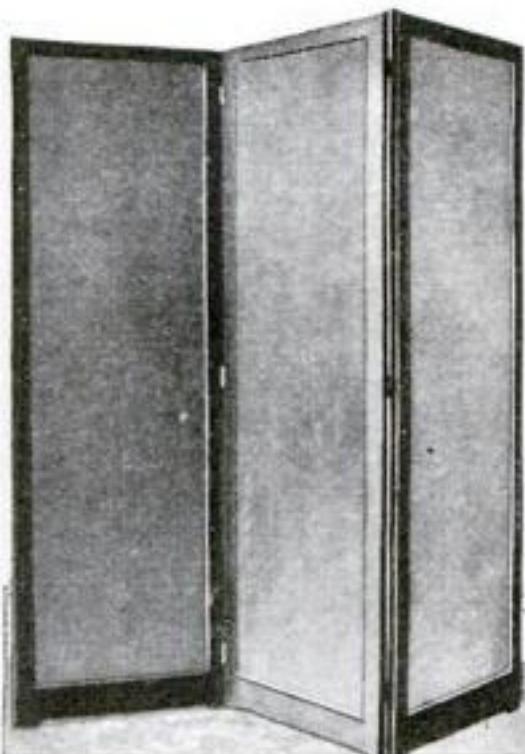
Located centrally on the under side of the top is a block to which a strip of ash, $5/16$ by 1 by 32 in., is fastened. This strip serves as a spring to prevent the legs from collapsing when extended.

How to Make an Attractive Burlap-Covered Screen

ALTHOUGH the screen illustrated below is simple in construction, it may be placed alongside the best commercial furniture. Mahogany, walnut or cherry may be used, as the builder desires.

The stock should be finished $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick. First, make the six side members, each having a length of 5 ft. 6 in. and a width of $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. The six end rails are each $17\frac{1}{2}$ in. long and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide. This allows a tenon $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long on each end of the rails.

Each frame is assembled with a good grade of liquid glue. They are hinged together with six double-acting screen



The finished screen and details of the construction of the outer and inner frames

hinges, which are to be obtained at any well-stocked hardware store. The frames are finished in shellac and wax, or varnished, as preferred.

The burlap covering is tacked to frames of spruce or similar wood, which are made to fit inside the outer frames. Details in the accompanying illustration show how the corners and cross members are joined. The outside dimensions should be slightly less than the inside dimensions of the outer frames. They are fastened together only with glue and nails, as the covering material gives additional strength.

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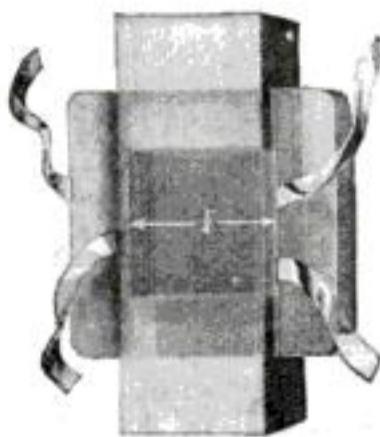
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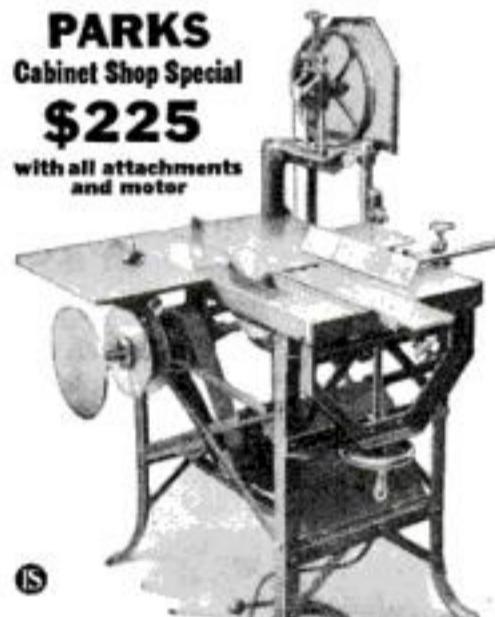
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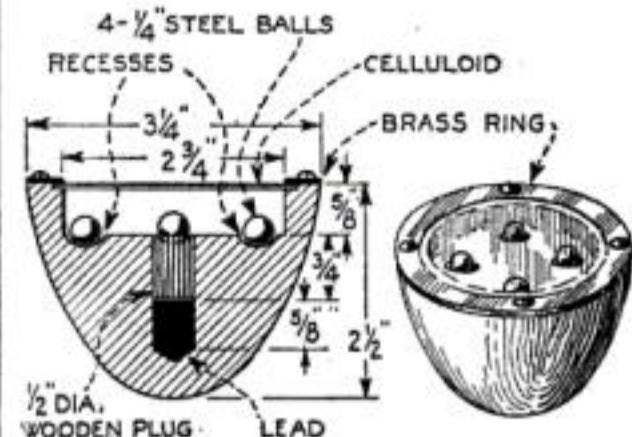
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Spinning the Container Solves Novel Four-Ball Puzzle

TO PLACE the four balls of this puzzle in the four very shallow holes is an amusing problem. The natural way is to incline the cone, so that the balls can be placed one at a time. You will soon find, however, that you cannot succeed along those lines, for placing the second



The puzzle and cross section through it. Note lead weight that aids in spinning it

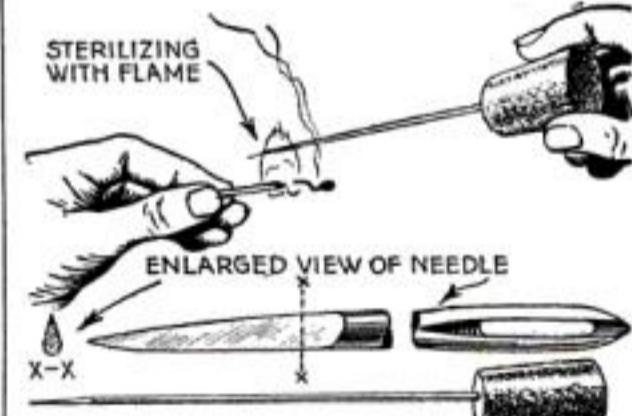
ball causes the first to roll out of its recess. The trick is to spin the cone like a top.

The cone is turned from dry wood and a recess is cut in the top for a celluloid disk. The best way of holding the latter is to cut a ring from thin brass and fasten it with six small wood screws.

A lead filling must be provided to make the cone spin well. A hole $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter and $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. deep is drilled in the center, and melted lead is poured in to a depth of about $\frac{5}{8}$ in. The hole is then closed with a wooden plug. The balls are from an old ball bearing.—C. A. O.

Small First Aid Lancet Made from Darning Needle

A GOOD surgical needle of the lancet type for home use can be made from a large darning needle. The point is ground and whetted to the shape shown,



How the point of the darning needle is sharpened and sterilized with fire before use

which gives a keen penetrating and cutting edge. A cork pushed on the eye end serves as a handle.

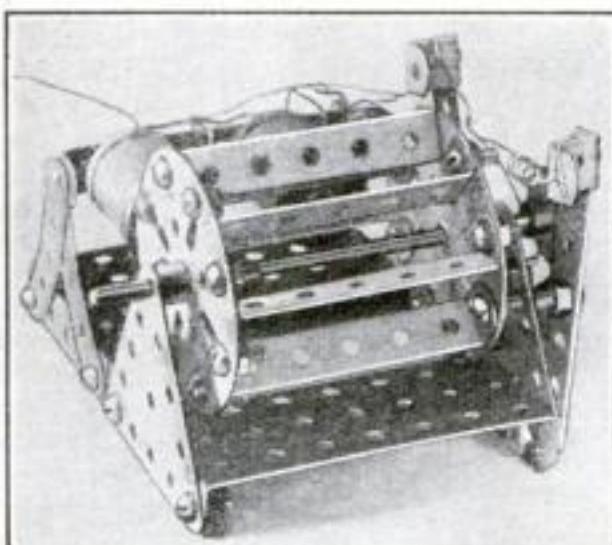
Before using such a needle, sterilize the point by holding it in the flame of a gas jet or match.—J. R.

FOR mending small cracks in steam boilers of house-heating plants, a good cement can be made from two parts finely powdered litharge, one part very fine sand, and one part of quicklime that has become slaked through exposure to the air. Just before being used, this mixture is moistened with boiled linseed oil to a paste-like consistency.

Constructing a Toy Motor from Junk-Box Parts

TWO electric magnets, obtained from an old door-bell, and a battery furnish the power that turns the armature of this simple toy electric motor of unique design. When the circuit is closed, the magnets attract soft iron bars or rods, which are firmly fastened to two wheels taken from a toy construction set. The circuit is broken or interrupted as the bar approaches the magnet in such a way that the bars are attracted in succession, thus causing the rotation of the shaft.

The shaft carries eight of these iron bars, and also eight contact points, which are nothing more than short bolts. The current leading into the magnets is con-



Old bell magnets and discarded toy parts were used in making this electric motor

nected with one pole of the battery. The other pole of the magnets is brought to the metal upright that carries the shaft.

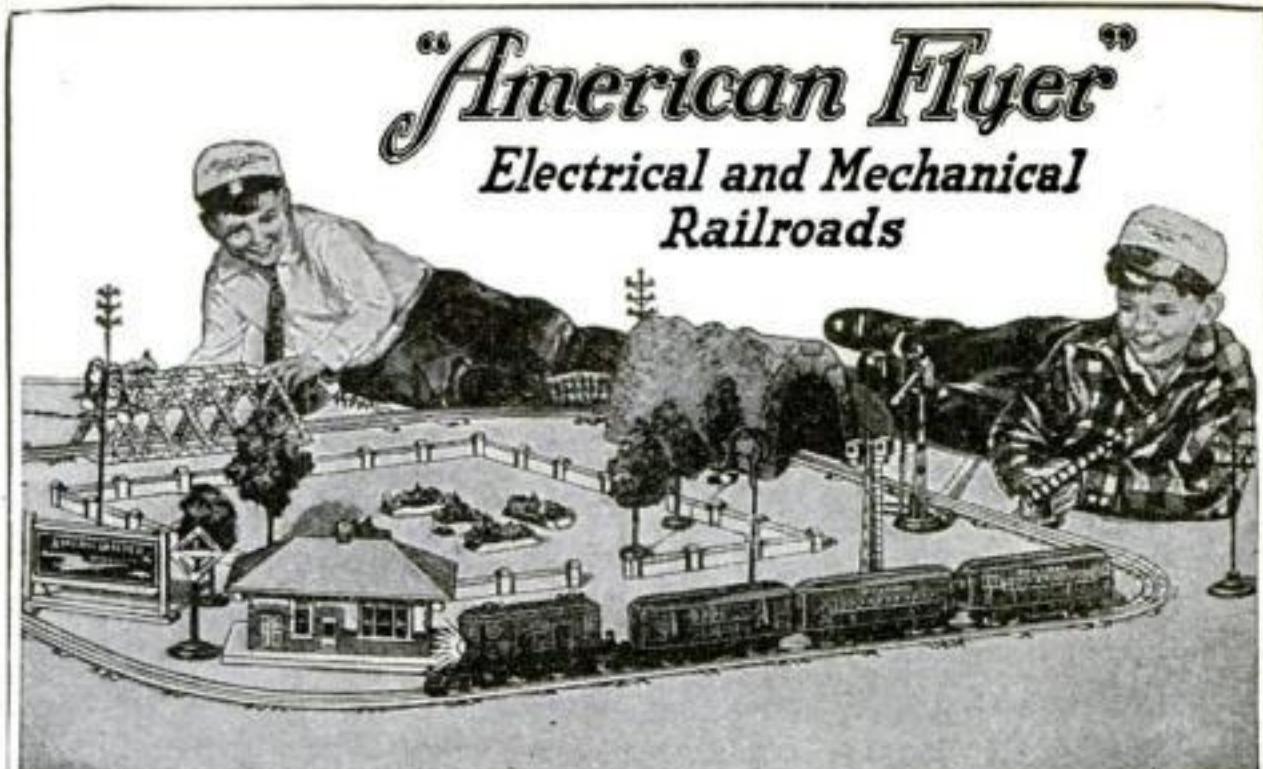
Insulated by a piece of wood, a metal arm rises above the shaft. To this arm is fastened a wire so that it makes and breaks contact with the bolts as they pass by. The remaining pole of the battery is connected with this arm.

The current flows through the magnets when the iron bar is just above them; but when the bar is in line with the magnets, the current is broken. Momentum turns the shaft past the dead point and contact is again made between the wire and the next bolt-head. This allows the current to flow through the magnets and they attract the next bar. The current flows only for an instant or so, just long enough to attract the nearest iron bar, whereupon it breaks until the next bar is attracted. Any battery or door-bell or toy transformer giving six volts will run this little motor.—E. B.

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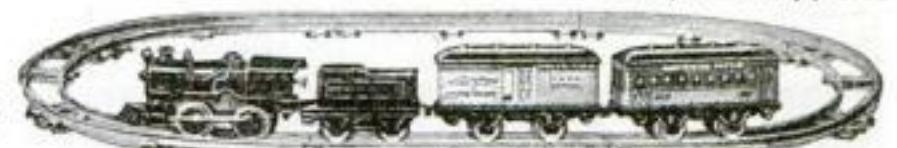
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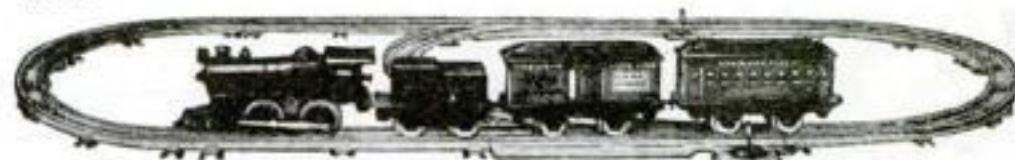
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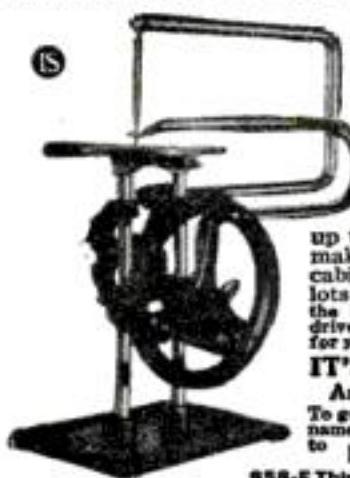
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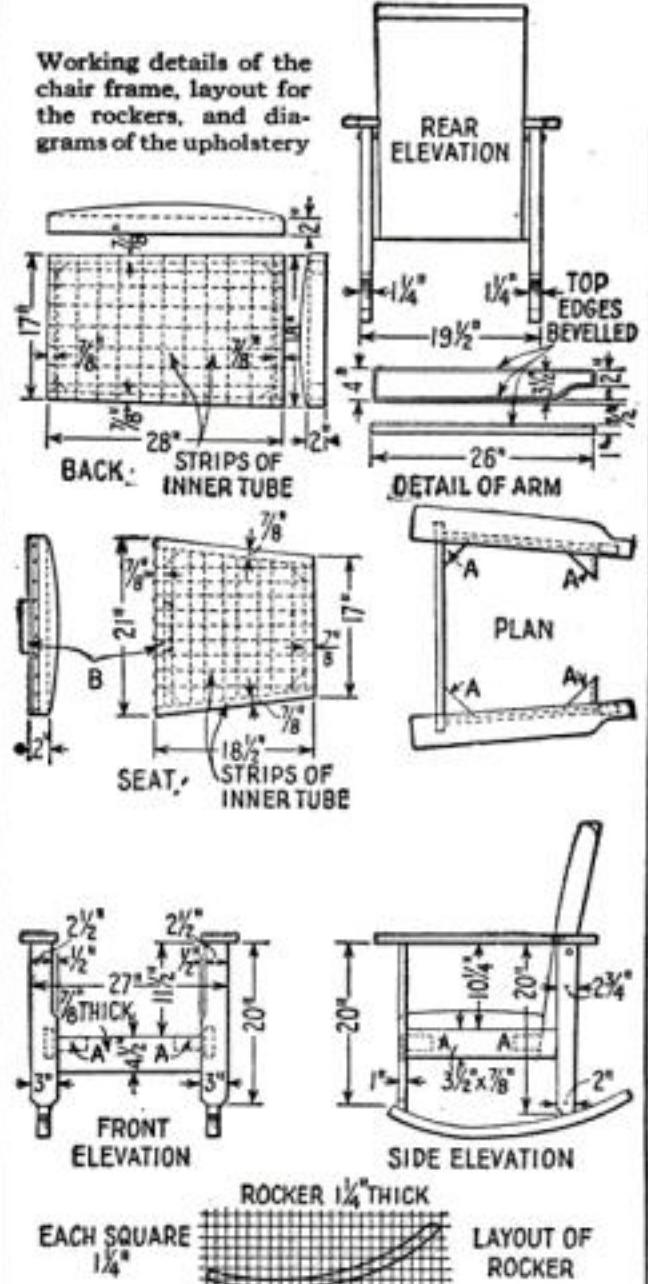
ONE piece of mission furniture that has maintained considerable popularity is the rocking-chair. It commands itself especially to the amateur mechanic because of its ease of construction; and, besides, it is a most comfortable chair for the smoking-room, den, library, or living-room.



The completed rocker

preferably of oak. The four legs are cut from 1-in. stock to the dimensions shown. They are mortised and tenoned to accommodate the arm rests, side rails and rockers.

The arm rests, also cut from 1-in. material, are mortised to take the tenons on



the legs. The upper edges of the arm rests are beveled.

The three rails that connect the legs are dressed to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. and tenoned to suit the mortises in the legs. The rockers are cut from $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. stock.

When these parts have been prepared, they should be well sanded and assembled with a good grade of liquid glue. Set aside to harden thoroughly.

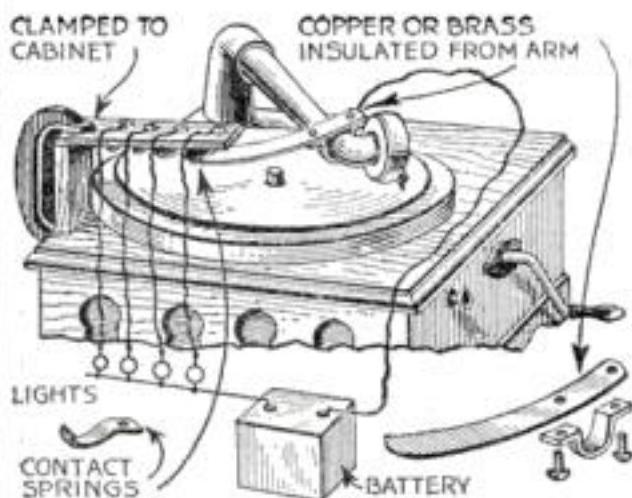
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Phonograph Turns on Lights to Music of Carols

By R. H. Kasper

AT CHRISTMAS any novelty appropriate to the season is enjoyed by the whole family, from the little children to the grown-ups. If one has a Christmas village, and a phonograph is available, a novel light effect can be produced with very little work.

The village is set up, the houses are equipped with low-voltage electric lights, and the phonograph is arranged as illustrated to switch on the lights auto-



How the contact pieces are attached to the phonograph, and diagram of the wiring

matically, one after another, to the accompaniment of a Christmas carol, such as "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

An arm made of copper is clamped to the swinging tone arm of the phonograph, but insulated from it. Directly opposite the copper arm, a piece of wood is clamped to the cabinet so that there will be about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. clearance between it and the copper strip. This piece of wood carries a number of contact shoes, one for each light used. These are bolted to the wood and connected by wires with the lights.

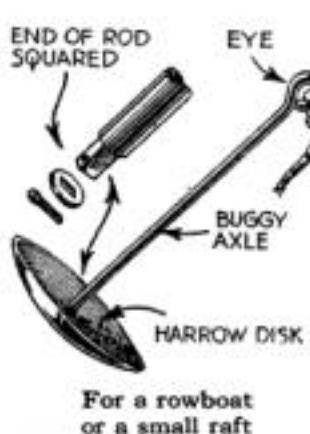
As the swinging arm of the phonograph passes across the Christmas record, one contact after another is formed, flashing on the corresponding lights.

The contacts must be very light, so as not to hinder the movement of the reproducer across the record. The wiring is as shown; one side of the lights is connected with a common wire, which goes to the battery, and the other wire from the battery is connected with the contact on the tone arm of the phonograph.

Small Mushroom Anchor Made from Old Harrow Disk

A MUSHROOM anchor for a rowboat or raft may be made from an old harrow disk. A simple way to form the shank is to heat one end of an old buggy axle or similar steel or iron rod and bend an eye for the anchor rope. The other end should be squared and fitted in the square hole in the disk.

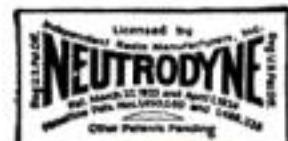
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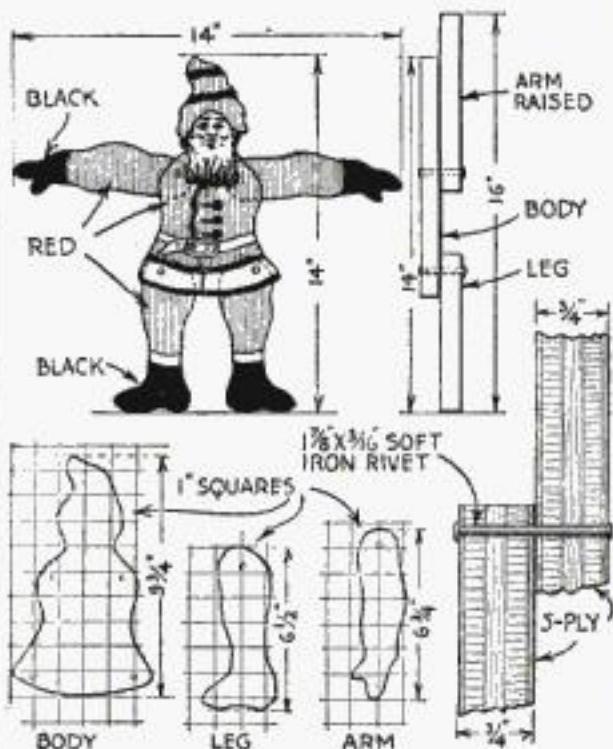
Making Durable Christmas Toys of Heavy Plywood

By Capt. Charles C. Hall

EACH of my four children has one of the Santa Claus dolls illustrated and I have made others for nearly every kiddie in the neighborhood. Four years ago I made 14 of them and, except for some scratches, they are as good today as when made, and as well loved as any dolls.

The durability of these toys is due to the material of which they are constructed, which is 5-ply veneer $\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick. Five- or 3-ply veneer $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick is more generally stocked by lumber dealers and it will do about as well. It is not advisable to use ordinary straight-grained wood, as it is apt to split.

A piece of veneer 12 in. square will be sufficient to cut out one doll. By dividing



The Santa Claus doll, detail of the joints, and squared patterns of the parts

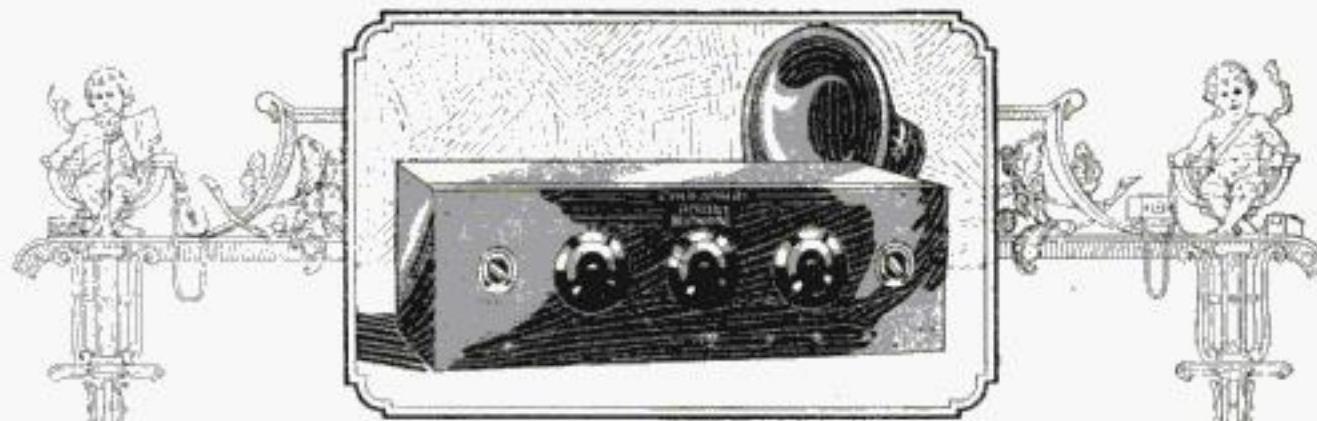
a sheet of cardboard into 1-in. squares and copying the patterns, it is a simple matter to make templets for marking the wood. Naturally, the arms and legs are rights and lefts, but this is taken care of simply by turning over the templets. I use a bandsaw in cutting out the wood, but a coping saw will do.

A 3/16-in. hole is drilled in the center of each arm and leg $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the end that fastens to the body. A corresponding hole is drilled in each shoulder and hip. If $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. veneer is used, four 3/16 by 1 1/8 in. soft iron rivets will be needed. The rivets are driven through from the front and riveted in the back.

I have found that white, black, and red carriage paint gives the best results in finishing these toys, as it dries quickly and leaves a gloss. The expression of the face is helped if a touch of blue is given to the eyes. The lips and end of the nose are red. The remainder of the coloring is indicated in the diagram.

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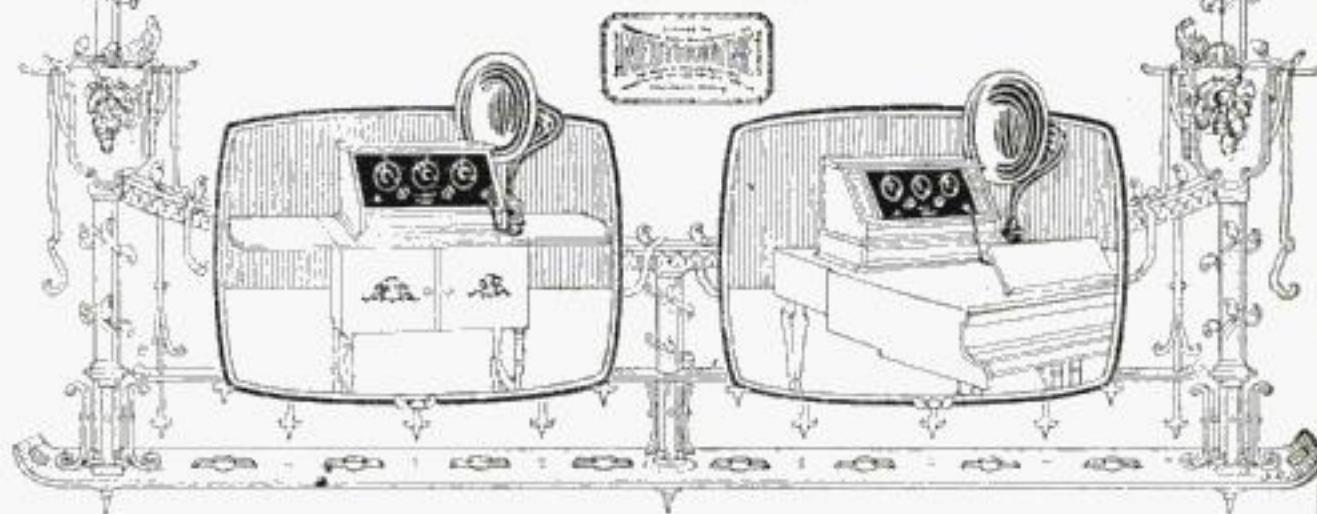
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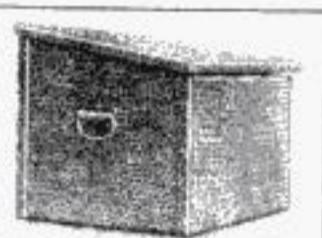
Building a Hammered Copper Wood Box for Your Fireplace

By H. Caldwell

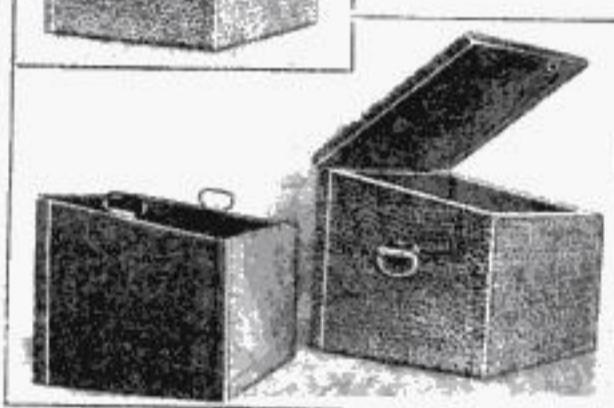
COVERED with hammered copper, this coal-and-wood box is at once a convenient and an attractive accessory for the fireplace. The richly colored metal catches the glow and light of the fire.

The box is very easy to make, as only simple butt joints are required. It may be of $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. pine, spruce or any wood at hand. The front is 11 by 18 in., the back, 14 by 18 in. The two sides are 13 in. wide, 11 in. high at the front, and 14 in. at the rear. The bottom is 13 by $16\frac{1}{4}$ in.; the top $15\frac{1}{2}$ by 19 in. This allows for the top to project $\frac{1}{2}$ in. on the sides and 1 in. in front.

The copper should be about 30 gage, cut large enough to turn 1 in. inside the box and 1 in. on the bottom. The sides turn 1 in. at the back, but are flush with the front at the front corners. These corners are bound with copper, for which two



The fuel container with its beaten copper cover and a removable inside lining made from old cans



strips 2 by 16 in. are required. They are bent at right angles after being scored slightly to insure a sharp bend.

The hammering tool is made from a piece of bar iron $\frac{3}{8}$ in. in diameter and 8 in. long. It is rounded off and polished at one end. The copper is placed on a piece of hard wood and the tool driven against it sharply with a hammer. This causes a dent, which may be made as light or heavy as fancy dictates. A conventional design may be traced and hammered if desired, otherwise the copper is covered irregularly with the indentations.

When hammered and straightened, the copper is nailed on the box with copper nails. The top is put on with 1 by 6 in. strap hinges and two handles are placed on the sides.

The box next should be washed with a strong solution of hot water and sal soda. Apply with a swab a solution of one tablespoon of liver of sulphur to a quart of water. This will darken the copper all over. Rub the box with a piece of hard felt dipped in wet powdered pumice to brighten the high spots and leave the rest dark. Wipe off any excess powder and give the copper a coat of lacquer.

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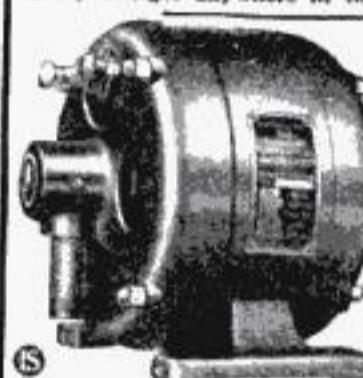
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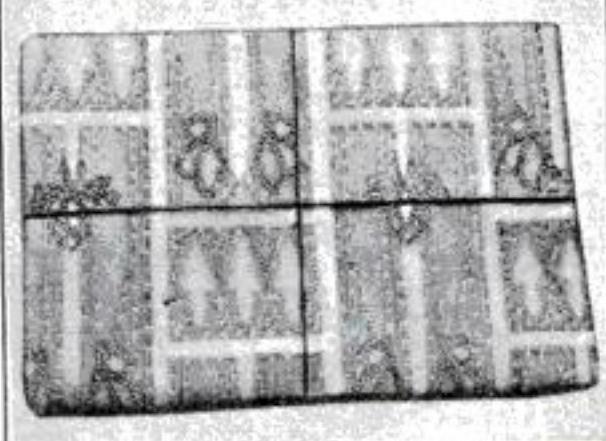
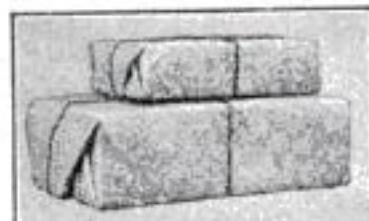
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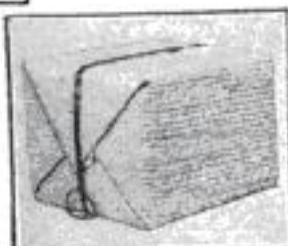
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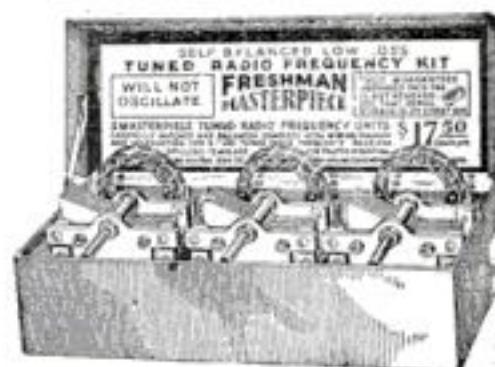
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The outside cover is made from ordinary sheet iron and need not be covered with asbestos. Note that the bottom of the jacket should just hide the burner flame.

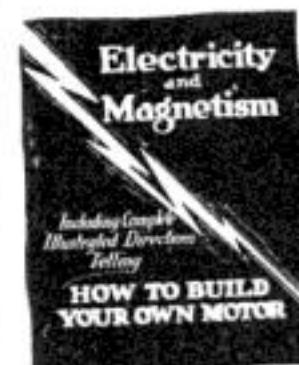
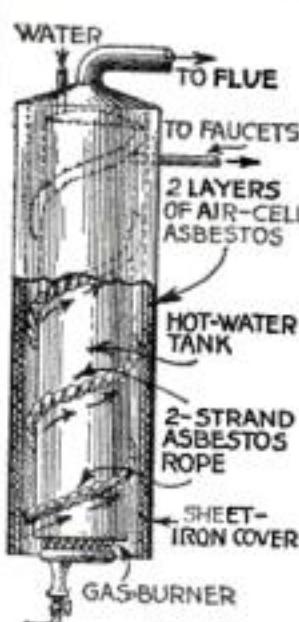
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"Then the Lion Fell Dead"

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lurks in the bush, never attacking until he has to as a last resort. Klein agreed that the lion rarely will attack a man first.

"A lion isn't a coward," he said, "but he plays his own game. Perhaps he is lying in a cool place in a piece of brush and sees you go by. If he thinks you haven't noticed him, he'll watch you and never say 'boo.' But if he thinks he is observed, he'll run off to the nearest shelter. You follow him and he'll run again. He will do this once or twice, then he will come for you."

USUALLY a lioness will jump out of her ambush as soon as she hears you coming and roar to let you know that she will defy you. But once we were right at the entrance to a den when the lioness leaped at us. There was nothing to do but kill her. We took the three cubs, whose eyes were just open, back to camp with us, and raised them until they were about two feet high."

Big game is disappearing in Africa. The natives are to blame for this, said Klein, for in spite of the laws prohibiting it, they massacre the animals in great game drives. Klein is the only white man who ever has witnessed and photographed one of these native game raids.

"One evening in the twilight," he said, "I went up on a mountain called Benagie with a native, to look for lions coming out of their lairs. If I could locate a lion den in the evening, I would know just where to hunt the next day. Lions, like all other game in the jungle, come out only in the early morning and in the evening.

"I saw a lot of natives running, and before them were zebras, giraffes, elands and other game. I pointed them out to my servant, who said, 'Oh, master, they're trailing the game. Watch for their camp.'

"I located the spot where they seemed to stop, but it was too late then to do anything; the place was too distant. At daybreak next morning, I was in my saddle, and with 15 natives rode to the spot. We caught the natives in the thick of the killing part of the drive. They were skinning the animals, while their wives and children were cutting the meat in strips and drying it over fires, getting ready to carry it back to their homes, two days' march away.

THEY grabbed their spears. I convinced them, however, that I was not a government official, and they allowed me to take pictures of them in the pits. They had no fear of the camera. Some tribes have, connecting the camera with the 'Great Evil Eye,' but these natives belonged to an extremely primitive tribe, incapable of forming an association of ideas like that.

"Preparing for a big-game drive, the natives dig 32 rectangular pits about eight feet deep, arranged in the form of a V, with one pit in the first row, three in the second, five in the next, and so on. The dirt taken from the pits is thrown back of the last and widest row, making an

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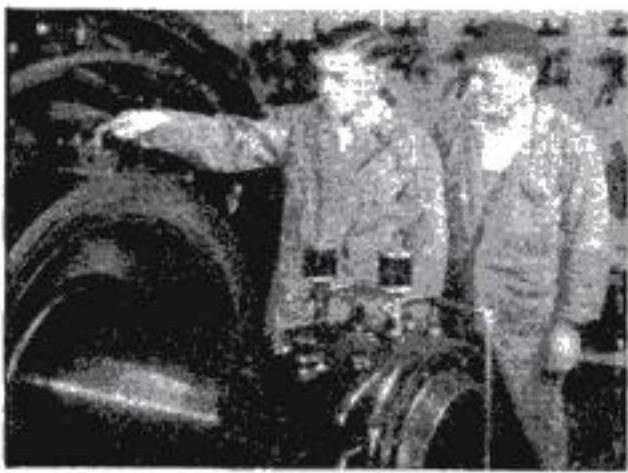
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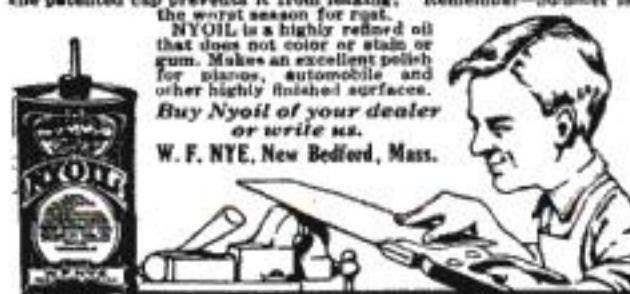
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"Then the Lion Fell Dead"

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embankment. The holes are covered with light shrubs, sticks and straw. On each side of the V, extending for a long way, a barrier of heavy thorn bush is erected. Then the natives go out and round up the game.

"They start out in the early morning and arrive at the pits at nightfall, driving the game before them. They close in, so that the beasts have to go between the thorn-bush fences toward the pits. At last the hunted animals are on top of the embankment. The hunters come closer. Then giving one last desperate leap, the animals jump forward and fall in the pits, where their legs are broken and they are crushed one against another. The natives then rush in with spears and poisoned arrows and kill the mangled beasts.

"IN THE pits I saw, there were 52 animals, including four giraffes, five elands, a gnu, a hartebeest (a big antelope), a beautiful gazelle, a zebra, and even a rabbit. It was the worst massacre of wild animals I ever have seen."

There are dangers lurking everywhere in the jungle, Klein declared. A man may go to sleep peacefully beside his campfire, and the next day his body will be found beside the dying coals, a poisoned arrow through his breast. Vengeful savages attack stealthily, and usually no one ever knows who committed the crime. Once Klein had a chance to solve a murder mystery of this sort.

"We were out after lions," he said, "and were camping one night beside a swollen river. On the opposite bank we noticed four natives who were driving eight cattle and some goats. During the night a raiding party of natives came and with poisoned arrows killed three of the men as they slept. The fourth, a boy, escaped, and climbed a tree.

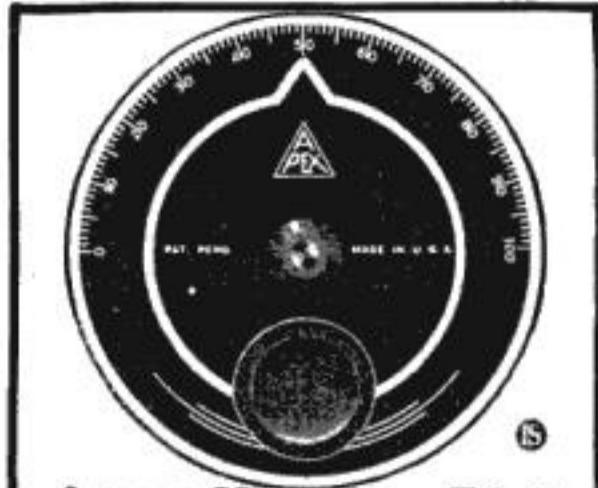
"At daybreak, the boy, hearing the noise of our dogs and chickens across the river, called out to us for help. I got into my canoe and shot across the stream. In an instant I saw what had happened.

"I FOUND 19 arrows. The natives all have their arrows marked with personal identification signs, so that when several shoot at an animal, the one who makes the hit can prove it is his. I sent a boy with two arrows to the district commissioners. They held a court and found the man who had made the weapons. Through them the owners of the arrows were found and, later, hanged."

Courage and patience are the qualities that Klein considers most essential for the big-game hunter, especially for the hunter of lions. To make sure of killing a lion, he says, you must wait until he is within six or seven feet of your face.

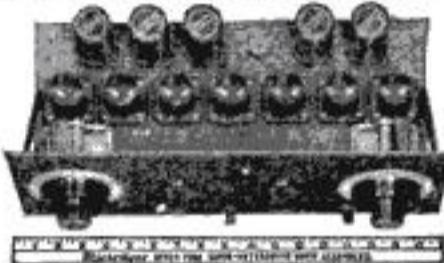
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eminent power engineers of the world to get behind the project of tapping the internal heat of the earth as an undertaking "important enough, both scientifically and economically, to justify its being made the subject of an international co-operative enterprise."

"The cost of such an experiment," said Mr. Rice, "would be trivial compared with the value of the possible information that might be gained by the investigation of this unexplored region of the earth. If only the people and their representatives had the faith and vision of science, the value of such an idea would have been put to practical test long ago."

And it is of record that more than 200 internationally famous engineers who heard Mr. Rice and more than 100 who heard Sir Charles Parsons, in each case offered unqualified approval of this revolutionary idea.

MOREOVER, the United States Government has taken the initiative, among all the nations in the world, of investigating the possibilities of the idea on a large scale. In the crater and on the slopes of Mount Kilauea, the famous Hawaiian volcano, a party of government volcanologists recently started drilling to study the changes in temperature that occur toward the center of the earth, to obtain new knowledge of mineral and gas changes beneath the ground, and to determine scientifically how the heat of the earth's interior may best be utilized for power purposes.

For some years, too, engineers in Italy have been utilizing the steam from the boiling springs of volcanic regions to operate engines.

Only recently at Healdsburg, Calif., 75 miles north of San Francisco, engineers drilled 300 feet into the ground to tap a great supply of natural steam lying beneath 4000 acres of volcanic land. This project is nearing completion, and the engineers in charge say that the power from their natural steam boiler, when suitably harnessed, will be sufficient to light and heat San Francisco and run every factory in the vicinity!

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In fact, we may truthfully say that our modern civilization rests entirely on the use of power, most of which is made by steam boilers that use coal. Merely to carry on our daily activities we need about 100,000,000 horsepower, an amount that, without our modern mechanical appliances, could scarcely be furnished by 4,000,000,000 men, or more than twice the present population of the globe. Without coal, in short, our civilization would collapse in a week.

Now, eliminating the possibility, often suggested by scientists, that our two principal sources of power—coal and oil—eventually will be exhausted, the benefits that would accrue to mankind were the power shaft conceived by Sir Charles Parsons to be constructed, ought to be apparent.

TO BEGIN with, such a source of heat, once the initial cost was paid, would supply power at one-tenth to one-twentieth what it costs now to derive power from coal. And that would mean, for example, that we could cut our railway and ocean freight rates in half at least. It would mean that we could heat our houses all winter for what one ton of coal costs now.

Iron, cement, and other building materials could be produced so cheaply that rents could be reduced to a level never before known. Ten-dollar shoes would cost no more than five or six dollars. A \$50 suit could be bought for \$25 or \$30.

A \$1000 automobile according to the present scale of prices would give its manufacturer a generous profit if sold for \$600 or \$700. We could count on the buying power of our dollar being increased to a dollar and seventy-five cents or two dollars. We could irrigate the great deserts—places such as the Sahara and Death Valley—and treble the food supply of the world.

Nor are the possibilities suggested here merely idle speculations. They are based on the estimates of foremost engineers, economists, and agriculturists, arrived at by calculating how much power is imprisoned in the earth's hot interior. Their figures are staggering. Expressed in numerals they convey no clear idea to the mind.

IT IS futile, for example, to attempt to appreciate the magnitude of such a number at 200 million million million—the heat of the earth, scientists say expressed in terms of tons of coal. But we do understand when science tells us that this heat is infinitely more than mankind will require to supply all possible needs for power and fuel until the end of time. One shaft, of course, would not make this entire supply available at once. But one shaft would point the way to others and thus the power problem of the world would be solved.

The future of man is in safe hands. Science today is marching as a valiant vanguard, smoothing the way for the coming generations of the earth.

A Garage to Fit Your Car

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The floor should be constructed of cinders or broken stone from six to 10 inches deep, covered with from three to four inches of concrete, consisting of one part Portland cement, three parts sharp bank sand, and five parts clean boiler cinders or crushed stone. The surface of this should be graded to a pitch of two inches in 10 feet to a floor drain immediately under each car. The surface of the concrete should be dressed, before setting, with Portland cement and sand mortar in the proportion of one to two.

A garage of this type may be of almost any kind of construction—shingle, siding, metal lath, with stucco, hollow tile, concrete block, brick—depending on your inclination, the architecture of your home, and the amount of money you wish to spend. Such a variety is possible that the cost of construction may range between a few hundred dollars and several thousand.

METAL lath carried all the way up on both sides of the stud frame of the wall and plastered inside and out with Portland cement stucco, with a ceiling of like construction and a fire-resistant roof, will give a semi-fireproof construction that will be passed by most fire or building departments and result in lower insurance rates. Fireproof sash for door and window construction will further safeguard a building of this type.

Or you may have completely fireproof construction—concrete block, hollow tile, concrete, brick, or stone walls, with roof of reinforced concrete, combined reinforced concrete with hollow tile, or ribbed metal lath and concrete, finished with tar and felt, slate, asbestos shingles, ribbed metal, or clay tiles. Such a building takes the lowest insurance rate, and, if near your home or other buildings, is likely to cause reduction of the insurance rates on them.

GARAGES built into dwellings recently have become popular. It is almost needless to say that a garage of this type should be fireproof, or at least semi-fireproof. In many places the former kind of construction is obligatory. The built-in garage, properly safeguarded, probably is the best of all. It is convenient, it can be heated from the house plant, it can be electrically wired easily, and, when constructed at the same time as the house, is the most economical kind of garage to build, especially if the house is on a terrace, has a high basement, or stands on land graded so as to permit you to make the garage part of the cellar.

Because such a garage is easy to reach and pleasant to work in, the car that occupies it probably will receive more care than the car housed in a detached garage. This means longer car life and less expense for upkeep.

The twin dangers of the built-in garage—which, however, may exist in any garage—are gasoline fumes that collect along the floor, and carbon monoxide from the exhaust. These may be eliminated by proper ventilation and an automatically

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If a heating plant is installed in the garage, it should be in an entirely separate room, with no connecting door and with a floor two feet higher than the garage floor. Any kind of open heater—gas, oil, or coal stove—is dangerous in a garage because of the gasoline fumes that almost constantly are drifting along the floor.

THREE are many other features of garage construction that space will not permit me to discuss. Such items as the kind of hardware to be used, for example, will demand careful attention when the time arrives for you to build. Local conditions of various kinds—the cost of materials and labor, fire-department regulations, the type of surrounding buildings—all will have considerable bearing on the sort of garage you build. Your garage is an individual problem, and no one can help you to solve it better than your local architect.

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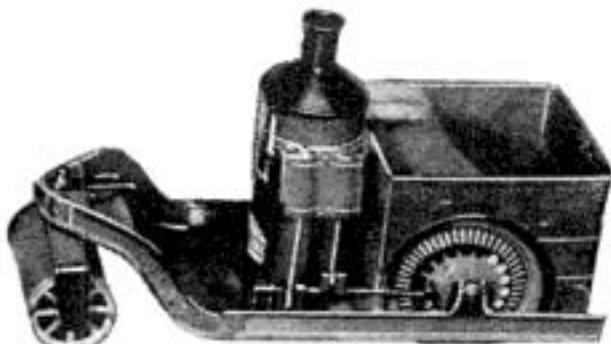
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leaders. Suppose there were 100 men, and the one in command was killed. There was another who could take his place, and in some instances, still a third who could command. But after that there was chaos. Most of the other 97 were trained automatons and nothing more. The whole formation went to pieces.

Now take 100 men in an American company. If the leader was shot, there always was another to replace him, another after him, and another after him, and another after him—volunteers down to the last five men. They had learned to lead as playing children.

The toy educates the child. So says the psychologist from his learned tests,



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and so say I from observation and experience. How does it do so?

First, by giving the child accurate images. It is extremely important that a child get a correct idea of things. The first impression in the brain cells is very likely to be the deepest. The toy should be as nearly an exact imitation of the real thing as possible. The toy that isn't designed right is a very bad thing. A child is given an engine. If it is an exact imitation, the child will remember it as an accurate engine for the rest of his life. But if it is a poor imitation, he will remember it as a poor engine just as long.

Children, through mechanical toys, are keeping pace with progress and the times, as witness the mechanical Mail Plane and the Yell-O-Taxi. The child, through the medium of play, is unconsciously absorbing knowledge of the important events going on around him. He may not understand why mail is being delivered by airplane, but he knows it's being done.

When you are giving a child a toy, give him something good. If it is a wagon, get him one that will stick together for five years. If it is a tool, get him one made out of good steel. A boy who has learned to love the feel of tools in his little woodshed workshop will keep that love throughout his lifetime, and as he grows older, he will want the best planes, the best hammers, and the best chisels that money can buy, a desire that leads to economy and efficiency. If a child is disgusted with a toy, he will not be disposed to care for the real article that the toy imitates.

One of the best ways to eliminate fear in a child is through toys.

You have seen small children who have hung back terrified when confronted by

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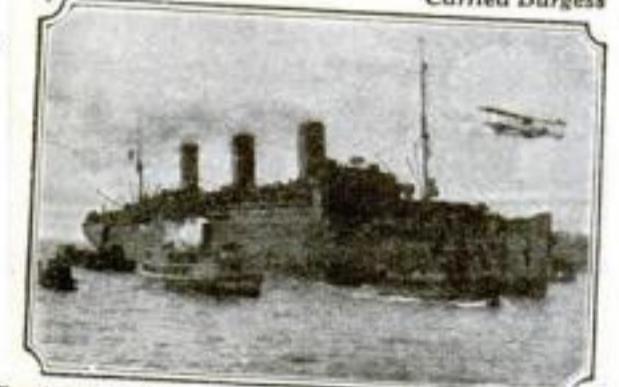
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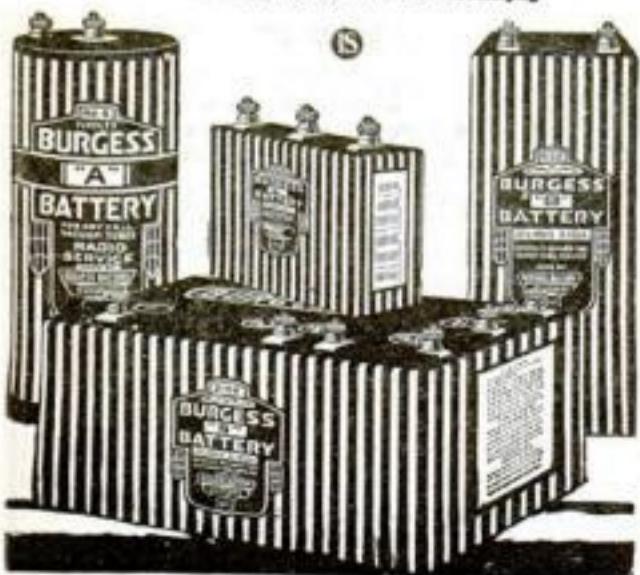
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a harmless little dog or cat, or who have screamed when taken to the zoo.

As for every-day animals, give the child a toy cat or dog, and it will like the live ones. A child is not afraid of anything it has had as a plaything. Give it toy lions and tigers, and images of other treacherous beasts, too.

The desire to know what a toy is made of and why, teaches a child to think for himself. He takes a little steam engine apart and learns the source of power. He learns the principles of mechanics by watching the pulleys and levers work on his toy elevator.

SENSIBLE toys develop earnestness and that develops leadership. Every great leader is 95 per cent earnest. Can you imagine Pershing trifling? In playing with good toys, trying to understand their mechanism, the child concentrates, another quality needed in leadership.

Many a child in playing with toys has thought up new ideas for toys or improvements for them. Every year I receive hundreds of letters from boys and girls, and grown people too, giving suggestions for playthings. Sometimes they are practical and we embody them in new or old toys. Sometimes they are impractical from a manufacturing standpoint, but the mere fact that the suggestions are made shows that the toys are inspiring children to think. The best ideas for kites have come from boys who have thought of improvements while flying their own.

Every child likes to imitate his parents and adult friends, and toys enable him to do this. Imitation and repetition are excellent ways of impressing anything on the mind.

The first toy that most children receive is a rattle. That must have been in existence in the time of Cain and Abel. It is every baby's heritage. Before a baby is old enough to think, all it needs is something to attract its attention and amuse it.

At two years a girl should have a soft doll and a boy a stuffed horse or lion, something for which to feel affection. After this period, when the child is leaving the stage that responds only to impulse and stimuli and when its brain is beginning to develop rapidly, it is time to give it toys that will assist in this development.

BOYS up to 10 or 12 are interested in three classes of toys—friction, mechanical, and electrical. They want to build something; make something with their own hands. Girls of this age want something to make, too. They like outfits for sewing, painting, cooking, and modeling. At this age they care more for story-books than their brothers do.

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1. For the same reason that a spinning baseball curves. The way the boomerang is twirled causes a special set of air-friction forces to be developed and to act on it. These drive it back toward the thrower.

2. The pituitary gland, a little organ no larger than a pea. It is located on the floor of the skull just below the brain. When it is too active, it produces the seven- or eight-foot giants. When it is not active enough, people are dwarfed.

3. Steel is iron that contains a very small amount of carbon and other elements. The carbon makes the iron molecules arrange themselves somewhat differently inside the iron. They stick tighter to each other and that makes the steel harder than pure iron is.

4. Because the skin itself grows as fast as the fat. Notice the folds of loose skin on a once fat person grown thin.

5. If you watch them for two or three nights you will see that the planets move a little; the fixed stars do not.

6. The axis of the earth, which is the line from pole to pole around which the earth rotates, is tilted a little. As the earth moves around the sun in its yearly orbit, the northern half of the earth is tilted toward the sun for half the year and away from the sun for the other half. When it is tilted toward the sun we have summer. When it is tilted the other way, we have winter. The other half of the earth, the southern hemisphere, has its seasons reversed because it is inclined toward the sun when our half is inclined away.

7. In a crystal the atoms are arranged in a certain regular way, like bricks in a well built wall. A crystal of common salt, for instance, is built up of, first, a sodium atom, then a chlorine atom; then another sodium atom and another chlorine atom, and so on.

8. Radium produces heat and we find that there is a little radium in practically all rocks. How much radium there may be in the rocks deep down in the earth's crust nobody knows. It may be that there is enough of it to keep the rocks hot or even to make them grow hotter.

9. Though this is a common question, it is a foolish one. You could not have both an irresistible force and an immovable body.

10. There are two essential differences. First, animals are able to move from place to place, while plants are not. Second, plants are able to make their own food out of sunlight and common chemicals, while animals must depend upon eating other animals or plants.

11. Fluorine. It is a poisonous, intensely corrosive gas. In its pure form it destroys all living matter, yet a very little of it, in chemical combination, is necessary for the enamel on our teeth.

12. Yes. If you pump water into one end of a full pipe, water will flow at once out of the other end. Just so with the electrons. The wire is full of electrons in the beginning. They are not moving; each one stays close to its particular atom. Then you pump more electrons into one end of the wire with a dynamo. Electrons immediately flow out of the other end.

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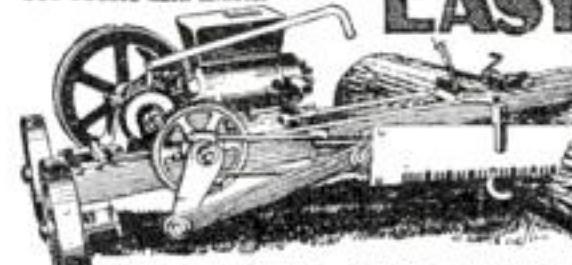
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feet,' that is, the letters do not strike perfectly, so that part of each letter will be dark, the rest light. Or the type may be damaged either by design or through rough usage.

"In a will contest not long ago the principals in the case had reason to believe that the meaning of the document had been changed by the addition of a clause to a certain paragraph. The typing of this disputed section was lighter than that of the rest of the will, and the defending lawyer explained this by saying that this part had been typed a day later than the rest, the same typist using a much lighter touch.

"AN EXAMINATION of the will showed it had been typed on a machine the letters of which shadowed themselves slightly, presenting the appearance of double letters. Repeated tests showed that the machine would not shadow under a light touch, but invariably shadowed under a heavier touch, no matter what the condition of the ribbon.

"These tests were sufficient to prove that the same pressure had been used in typing the second half of the paragraph, and that the work had been done long after the first part had been typed, when the ribbon was weaker from continued use.

"Not long ago two government agents called at my office and placed a mimeographed sheet on my desk.

"What can you tell us about this?" they asked.

"The only thing I could tell them at the time was that the stencil had been cut on a typewriter of a certain make. Further examination disclosed what brand of stencil paper had been used. I also learned the name of the manufacturer of the mimeograph paper. Now, in thousands of business offices in New York City mimeographing is done every day. There are several hundred concerns also that do commercial mimeographing. To find where this particular sheet had its origin would seem like an almost impossible task.

"HOWEVER, the fact that a certain make of typewriter, a certain brand of stencil paper and a certain kind of mimeograph paper were used in preparing the sheet narrowed the search somewhat, and eventually the office where the mimeographing was done was found. The details of the case on which the federal agents were working I never knew, but through the data revealed by the typing, the identity of the person who reproduced the copy was established.

"Substitution of letters in repairing a typewriter often has been a means of identifying a machine as having done a certain piece of typing. Manufacturers sometimes change the form of one or two letters when they put out new models. The 'r' on a well-known typewriter was changed recently, and the manufacturer informed me of the change. That knowledge may help me solve a case some day.

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once pointed to the spuriousness of a document. In this case I was able to identify the machine on which the disputed document was typed as one that carries its type on a circular shuttle that turns and against which the paper is impressed at each stroke. Certain mistakes in the typing could not have been made on any other typewriter.

"Some typewriter manufacturers make their own type, others have it made by type founders, and when a type founder supplies the same or almost the same kind of type for two different kinds of typewriters, complications are almost certain to result if one attempts to identify a specimen of work done by either machine.

"AN INSTANCE of this occurred in the longest case I ever handled, one that required months of work and a nationwide search for a single typewriter. The principal was a woman who was suing for a share of a large estate on the ground that she had been the common-law wife of the dead man. To prove her contention she offered a typewritten letter, which she said had been signed by the man. Typing and signature were believed to be false.

"When I examined the letter I believed it had been written on a certain typewriter. When I went to the factory to substantiate my opinion, I found that machines made by this company at the time the disputed letter was dated, were likely to have type made by the company itself or by either of two type makers. I found also that one of the type makers also made the type for a portable typewriter, and that the deceased had owned one of these.

"I knew that the woman and the man had lived in many places throughout the entire country. A thorough search was made of their former haunts for typewriting and machines, but with no results. Through it all, however, a strong 'hunch' persisted in telling me that the disputed work had really been done somewhere in New York City. With the aid of detectives I found at last a place with more than a hundred typewriters to which the woman in question at one time had access.

"I KNEW the machine I was looking for had to have 10 letters to the inch. So I had detectives get me secret samples of the work of every typewriter in this place. I quickly weeded down the samples to include only 10-point writing. Thus a country-wide search was narrowing down to a score of machines.

"On these specimens I looked particularly for some of the 18 minute characteristics I had found in the type impressions on the disputed document. I knew, for instance, that the desired machine would have certain small imperfections in the *t* and *a*. As I went through the final batch of samples, seeking first one telltale defect, then another, I finally found a sample that coincided perfectly in many particulars. This was irrefutable proof that the culprit machine had been discovered!

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How Typewriting Betrays

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samples taken from it strengthened its guilt. Not only that, but before the machine was obtained, the questioned writing had shown me that it had been made by type turned out by the makers of the typewriter instead of either of their outside type makers. The machine itself verified the fact that it was not in existence at date of the letter, thus proving the date of the alleged letter to be false as well as the letter itself."

ALTERATIONS and erasures, Mr. Horton told me, whether in typewriting or in longhand, frequently are revealed by chemical tests. Though the original writing may have been obliterated so successfully that the eye sees no trace of the change, it frequently happens that traces of the ink or typewriter ribbon will remain on the paper. In such a case, treatment with certain chemicals will cause the erased writing to appear once again, faintly perhaps, yet clearly enough to be discerned and recorded by the microscopic camera. This method is of especial value in detecting raised checks or those on which the name of the payee has been altered.

Knowledge of the purely mechanical characteristics of various makes of typewriters likewise is an essential part of the equipment of a questioned-document expert.

Any expert typist will tell you that it is impossible to insert a sheet in the identical position it held before in case it is necessary to make an alteration in a piece of typing. And so when an alteration of this nature is made with criminal intent, even though the same typewriter be used with a ribbon in the same condition, the substitution usually will be apparent to the expert through exceedingly minute differences in spacing and alignment between the original document and the altered part.

Detection of small differences in spacing, Mr. Horton told me, once enabled him to save the heirs of a wealthy man a large sum of money, an innocent paper which the deceased had signed having been changed into a "note" by a clever rascal.

Thus science as exemplified by the questioned-document expert protects society against the depredations of the criminal, safeguarding the good name and property of both the living and the dead by hampering the thief, the forger, the blackmailer, the writer of anonymous letters—all who by pen or typewriter seek to prey on their fellow men.

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They Did the Impossible

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IT WAS then my privilege to witness one of the marvels of modern engineering—steel fingers shaping brittle glass into perfectly sealed vacuum bulbs.

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Next, the standards, ready for the filament, were carried in boxes to another machine. Here a girl wound on the filament, connected and set the standard in a machine, filament upright. The sealing tube connected with a pipe, which at the proper time was connected with an exhaust pump. Then the glass bulb was placed over the standard, and the machine did the rest—welded the bulb to the standard, exhausted the air, and sealed off the little sealing tube. Finally the brass base caps were cemented on.

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ANOTHER advantage is the fact that the lamps can't be refilled without detection. Finally, it is possible to place the filament exactly where it is wanted inside the bulb, a great advantage in the case of miniature lamps for autos where the slightest variation in placing the filament will throw them out of focus.

So it was that a problem that puzzled the scientists was solved by practical men who kept hunting until they found the way.

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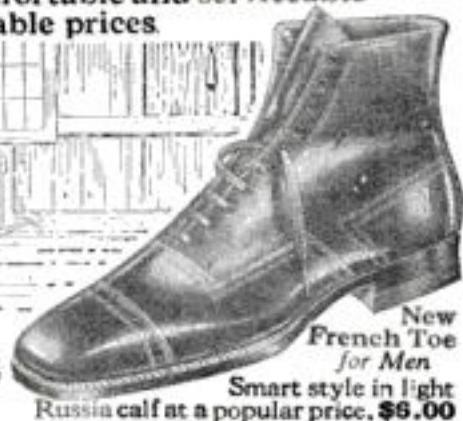
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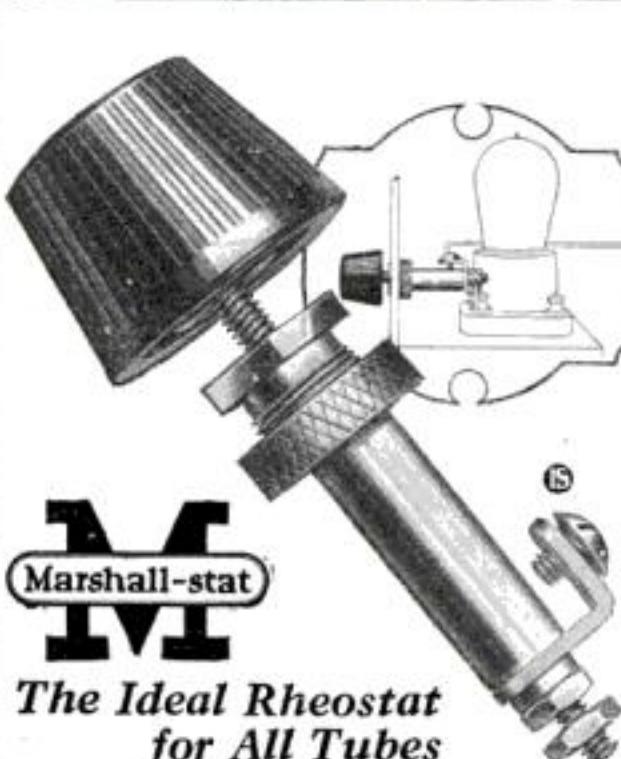
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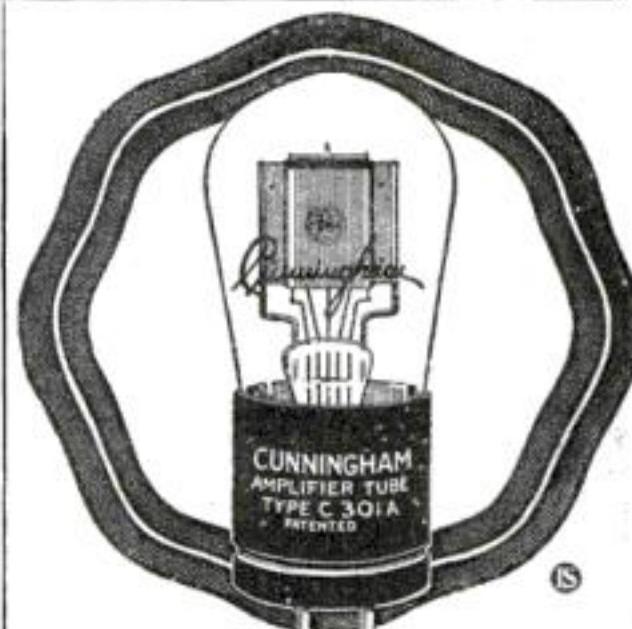
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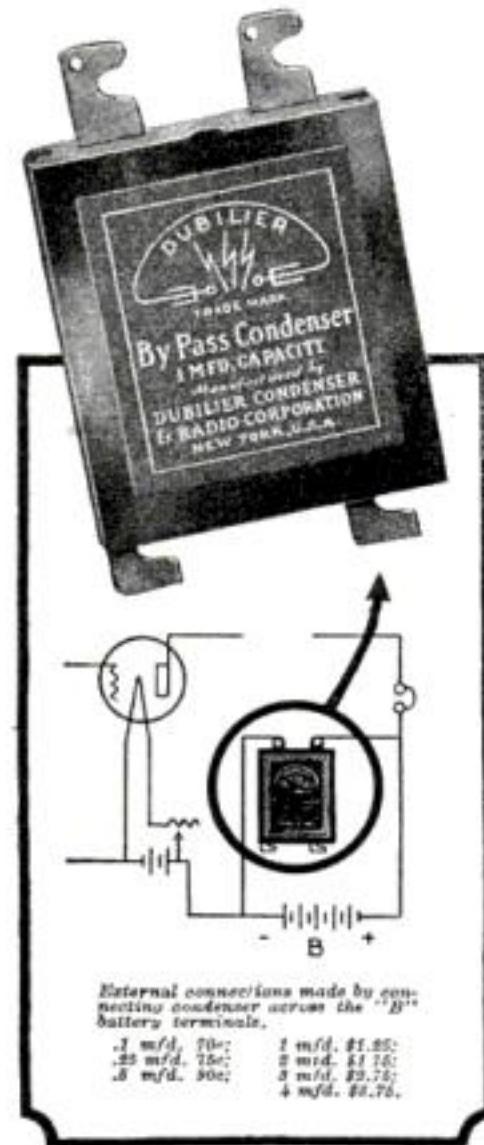
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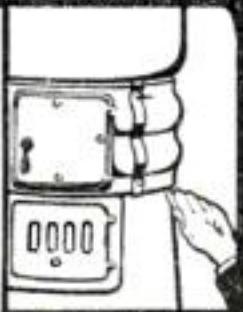
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How to Wash Your Hands

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little mutton tallow into the skin when dressing, then cover with tissue paper and draw up the socks or stockings over the paper.

Many people who otherwise would be in constant misery can go through the winter very comfortably in this way.

A MAN of 52 years, in business, came to me one January complaining of itching of his legs from the middle of his thighs down to his feet, and occasionally of the arms and forearms. He told me that the itching always was worse when the skin was exposed to cold, or when he undressed, or when the skin was rubbed. Moderate restriction of his bathing and the use of a thin salve containing lanoline gave him complete relief.

Frostbite is a real freezing of the skin, and fortunately is not common except, perhaps, in the most northern parts of the country. The bodily extremities are most apt to suffer—the ears, toes, and fingers, and then the nose and cheeks. The first sign of trouble is often the loss of feeling. The ears do not feel as cold as they did, not because they feel warm, but because they have no sensation at all. The skin becomes white instead of red, and feels harder to the touch. If the trouble is discovered soon, it can be cured without ill effects, although a part once frostbitten is usually sensitive to cold for years afterward.

If the freezing is allowed to continue, recovery may be impossible, and the affected skin, when it thaws, will become gangrenous and drop off. The treatment in such a case is of the greatest importance. The thing to remember is that the thawing out must be gradual. A rapid thawing, such as by wrapping the part in hot cloths or placing it in hot water, often will result in gangrene.

THE old method of rubbing the frozen member first with snow is as good as it ever was. Gradually, as the flesh thaws out, the color will return and the circulation will be re-established. If snow is not available, rub with cold water, and do it all in the open air, not in a warm room.

No directions for the care of the skin, in winter or summer, would be complete without reference to your general health, for the skin is often a good index of a man's condition. Follow a varied diet, being particularly careful to include green vegetables and milk, which provide vitamins as well as nourishment; but avoid any excess, especially of sweets and meat. Ordinarily, in the United States, more harm is done by overeating than by undereating.

Take eight hours' sleep every night, always rest half an hour before the hearty meal of the day. Last, and the most difficult to follow, take at least an hour's exercise in the open air every day. In other words, put yourself, and keep yourself, in the best possible physical condition, and you will be relieved of many of the annoyances that in their sum total make the difference between comfort and misery, between spontaneous cheerfulness and continual ill humor.

How I Play Radio Doctor

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voltage is lower than these values, you must get new B batteries. Discard only those that are low, in case you have two or three B batteries.

To test the telephone plug, touch the point of the plug to one terminal of a 22-volt battery and connect the wire from the barrel of the plug with the other battery connection. This should give a strong click. If it does not, take off the plug and touch the telephone cord tips to the battery terminals. If you hear no sound or only a very weak sound, the telephone cord is broken inside the insulation or the magnets have lost their magnetism. Take the telephones back to the dealer, but do not open them to examine the inside. You may accidentally break one of the tiny wires.

Some types of loudspeakers and telephone receivers must be connected in a certain way. If the tips are reversed when they are connected with the plug, the signals will be weaker and, in a short time, the permanent magnets may lose their magnetism. You can experiment by connecting the tips one way and then the other to see if there is any difference in the signal strength. Leave them in the position that gives the loudest signals.

When you buy a radio set, ask the dealer whether the positive lead from the phones should be connected with the point or the barrel of the plug. Most phones have a terminal on the receiver cap marked +. If this is the case with the new set, be sure that lead goes to the part of the plug that the dealer says should take the positive tip.

You may find that all these tests do not bring out the source of trouble. If they do not, the trouble may be in the tubes, for at times the tubes will light even though they are defective. It is always well to buy tubes from a dealer who has one of the standard tube-testing instruments. Then you can be sure that your tubes will be right when you buy them. Dealers handling standard makes always will replace defective tubes if the filaments have not been burned out.

THREE are two other things that must be considered. The first is the storage-battery charger. Once you have become acquainted with this device you should have no further trouble with it, but it may puzzle you the first time. Be sure to connect the positive lead from the charger to the positive terminal on the storage battery. Some people think that, since positive usually goes to negative, the + terminal of the charger should go to the - connection on the battery. As a matter of fact, in this case positive goes to positive.

Successful battery substitutes now are being put on the market and every one is thinking about using them instead of batteries. Unless you get a device that will replace A, B, and C batteries, you will not save money, although, to be sure, it is much easier to hook on to the light socket and do away with the necessity of bringing home B batteries. When you buy a substitute device, get it from a dealer who can install it for you. Once it is put in, you will have no trouble using it.

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Confessions of a Radio Gyp

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THE jobbers help the gyps to do that.

A jobber often will sell a large order of tubes at a small margin of profit for cash. There usually isn't much profit for the gyp in selling genuine tubes at cut prices on this basis, but the cut rates on tubes generally will entice the customer into the store, after which the gyp will use his wiles to unload a quantity of other goods on him. Often you will find, if you try to buy the tubes that are advertised at cut rates, that there's a string on the offer. Before you can buy a tube, you must buy other merchandise—usually stuff that you don't want and that is no good.

Formerly we used tubes to help us sell sets. All the sets on display in our showcases contained good tubes, so, of course, if the customer wanted a demonstration, the set worked. But if the customer bought the set, while it was being wrapped up, one of our helpers would slip in a set of bootleg tubes. If the purchaser came back, we told him that the location of his home must be bad for radio reception, and pointed out to him how well the set had worked in the store.

Most of the time he'd believe us, because it had become pretty well known that certain places were "dead spots" for radio. When he was convinced that the fault lay in the location of his home, it was comparatively easy to sell him a lot of additional parts that he didn't need and that wouldn't help his set any.

SPEAKING of radio sets, they're the big sellers now. The public isn't buying so many parts as it used to. But many a patented set has been sold over a gyp counter that never saw the factory of the company whose name and serial number it carried. Many ex-tube bootleggers now are bootlegging the more popular sets.

You may have wondered how we can offer some sets at the prices we do. Sometimes this has been done just to get even with a manufacturer who wouldn't sell us his products. We'd go out and buy the sets that the manufacturer wouldn't sell us at the retail stores, and advertise them at unbelievably low rates. We'd fit them with poor tubes, hook up the batteries wrong, and then, when the customer came in for a demonstration, we'd show him the set and tell him it was no good. That way of getting even with a manufacturer was very popular for awhile—until one gyp was arrested and convicted for unfair practices.

One thing that has hurt the gyp stores is the number of broadcasting stations installed in the big cities. Receivers made by gyp manufacturers are never very strong on selectivity, and, if two or three local stations happened to be on the air at once while the customer was getting a

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Confessions of a Radio Gyp

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demonstration, it would be impossible to sell him the set. Then along came somebody with the wave-trap idea. It didn't take us long to see that wave-traps were what we needed to sell our bad receivers. So, when giving a demonstration, we'd hook a wave-trap up in the aerial where the customer couldn't see it, and let a clerk operate it while another clerk was demonstrating the set.

Then, of course, if the customer came back to complain that his set wouldn't work as well at his home as it did in the store, we'd blame it on his location—and sell him a wave trap. Some of these wave traps worked, others didn't; for we'd made them out of cardboard couplers and gyp condensers. A good wave-trap was an efficient device, but the imitations that the gyps put out destroyed public confidence in it, and now you seldom see one.

LOUDSPEAKERS, too, have been very profitable to the gyps. It's easy to take the reproducing unit from a good horn and substitute a cheap one. Then the price of the horn can be cut with profit. After that the good unit can be used as a phonograph attachment and sold at a good price.

Even batteries have been gypped successfully. The gyp manufacturer finds it easy to make B batteries cheap—sawdust and some sort of chemical mixture in cheap cans. They run for a couple of weeks and then die. That's always been good business for the gyps, because of the repeater trade from customers who don't know any better.

I remember a cheap grid leak that a gyp manufacturer put out. One day a fellow from a testing laboratory came into our place and bought one. He didn't tell me what he wanted it for until he was on his way out, or I'd never have sold it to him.

A long time afterward I happened to meet this man on the street.

"How about that grid leak you were going to test?" I asked.

He didn't remember me at first, but when I told him who I was, he laughed.

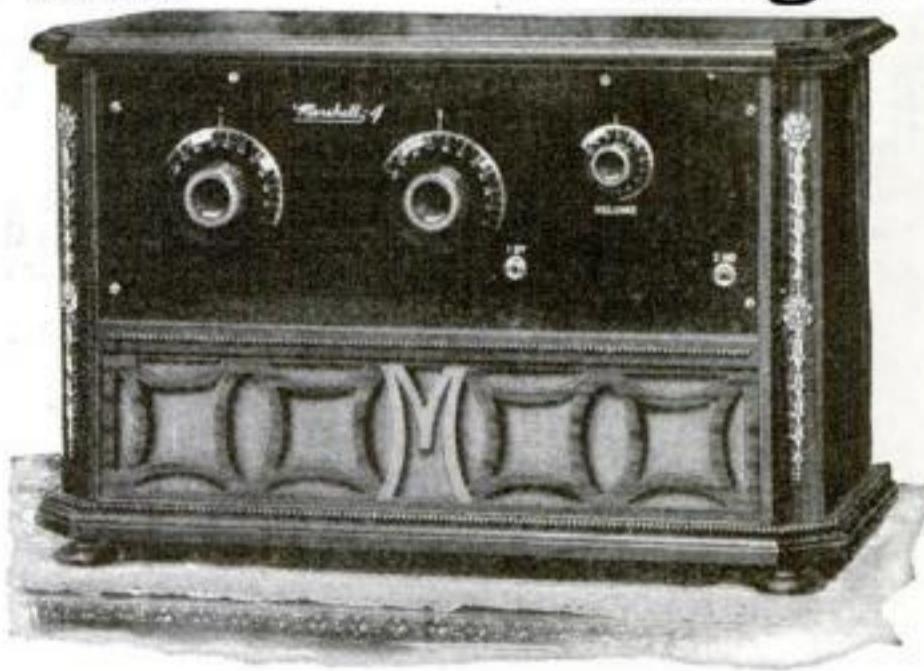
"Why, that leak wasn't any good at all," he said; "but its mount was of such poor material that it made a good leak in itself."

THINK of that, will you! I never could understand why we sold so many of those leaks.

But as I said before, the gypping business isn't what it used to be. The people won't bother chasing cut prices while they can buy the best sets, manufacturer's guarantee, and everything, on time. This doesn't mean that the game has played out altogether. There's still plenty of gypping going on, and the man who doesn't know much about radio had better watch his step when he buys. The public's best protection lies in buying only articles made by manufacturers whose names and trade marks are well known, and then only when the article is in a sealed container with the seal unbroken.

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this transfer of electrical energy is something like the transfer of heat from a piece of red-hot iron to another piece of metal that is near it. Also, there is a re-transfer of the induced energy from the second coil back to the first, and from the first coil in turn back to the second, quite as two electric fans facing each other might blow bits of a handful of confetti back and forth between them. This bandying of electrical energy back and forth is called *mutual inductance*. A coil also has the odd property of inducing a magnetic field *on itself* by *self induction*.

Years ago an electrical experimenter discovered that the mutual inductance between two coils varies in accordance with the distance between them and the angles at which they are placed with reference to each other. This principle was utilized in designing the device we are examining. The amount of mutual inductance between two coils is called the *coupling*. Hence, *variocoupler* is a vivid and understandable name for a device that permits mutual inductance to be varied at will by rotating one coil about its axis within the other.

A somewhat similar device found in some sets is called a *sariometer*. This also is used to vary inductance and consists of two coils, one of which turns inside the other, but, instead of being separate, as in the variocoupler, the two coils are connected in series.

LIKEWISE variable inductances are produced in crystal sets by mounting two parallel coils one inside the other so that the outer coil may be moved back and forth over the inner, or by providing a single coil with one or two slides that have the effect of increasing or reducing the number of turns of wire that compose the coil by making contacts at various points.

Indeed, a method very similar to this last is employed in the set we are inspecting. The primary coil of the variocoupler has been *tapped* at various points, each an equal number of turns from the next. Wires from these *taps* are connected with the *points* to which you may move the switch you see on the front of the panel by turning the knob marked "Primary Inductance." Each time you move the switch from one point to another, the effect is to increase or decrease the size of your primary coil.

Thus, in addition to varying the mutual inductance between the two coils that make up the variocoupler, you also are able to vary the inductance of the primary coil, giving you a greatly increased variation in tuning.

Now, to complete the operation of tuning, there is another factor in addition to varying the inductance of your set to accommodate it to the frequency or wavelength of the radio waves you desire to admit. You must vary another electrical property, known as *capacity*. This you accomplish in the particular set we are considering by turning the dial lettered "Antenna Condenser."

The *antenna*, of course, is the aerial. Each aerial has what is called a *natural*

period of vibration, or *natural frequency*, just as each string of a musical instrument has its natural tone unless otherwise tuned. This makes the aerial sensitive to radio waves of a certain frequency, just as the string of a musical instrument will vibrate in sympathy when the note to which it is tuned is sounded on another instrument near by. And, as with a musical string, you make your aerial sensitive to other frequencies by changing its length—not actually, but by adding or taking away capacity by means of the condenser.

A condenser is a device that will store up electrical charges. It is not to be confused with a storage battery, for the latter stores up quite a different kind of electricity and in a different way. Two or more conductors of electricity, separated from one another by a non-conductor, form a condenser. Thus, two sheets of tinfoil placed on opposite sides of a sheet of glass will be a condenser and will store up electricity that is admitted to the tinfoil until the accumulated charge becomes too great. Then the charge discharges by leaping from one sheet of tin-foil to the other. The conductors in a condenser are known as the *plates*, the non-conductor, the *dielectric*.

IN THE condenser in our set the air is the dielectric. The plates are the parallel metal sheets, one set of which slips between the plates of the other set when you turn the condenser dial, somewhat as you might entwine your fingers. The two sets of plates, however, unlike your fingers, do not touch; they must always remain separated by the air dielectric if the device is to function as a condenser.

This sort of device is called a *variable condenser* for the obvious reason that it permits you to vary its capacity by turning the knob, the capacity being greatest when the plates are closed and becoming less as the two sets are separated. In some condensers of this type there is a single additional plate, operated by a separate knob, which may be adjusted after the setting of the condenser has been made. The trifling variation in capacity possible through the use of this device permits of finer tuning. Such a device is called a *vernier*.

As explained in previous articles, the radio waves that reach your antenna are alternating current waves of high frequency. Any electric circuit offers opposition to alternating current, this opposition being called *impedance*.

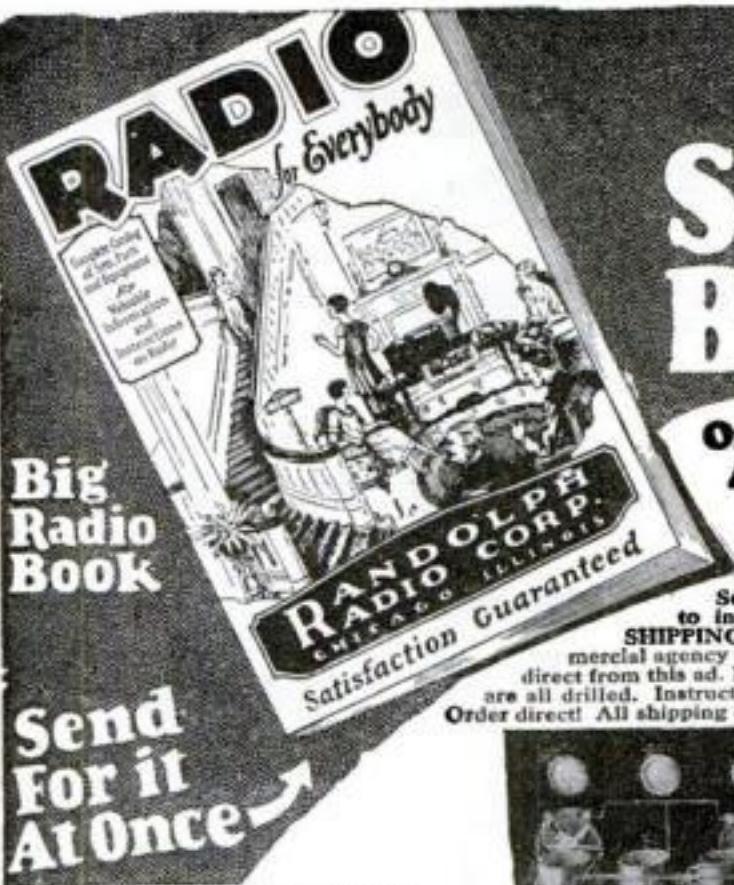
In the set we are considering, or in any other set for that matter, you admit waves of a particular frequency by adjusting your inductance and capacity so that the impedance is low with regard to that frequency and high with regard to all other frequencies. That is the purpose of the three knobs at the left-hand side of the panel and the devices within the set with which they are connected.

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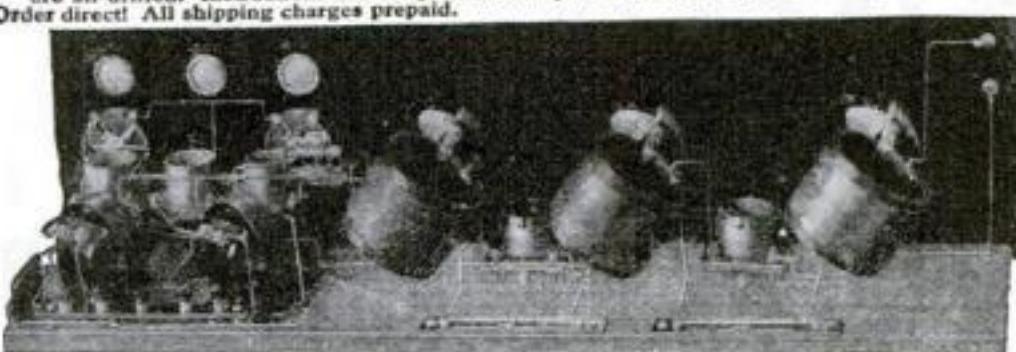
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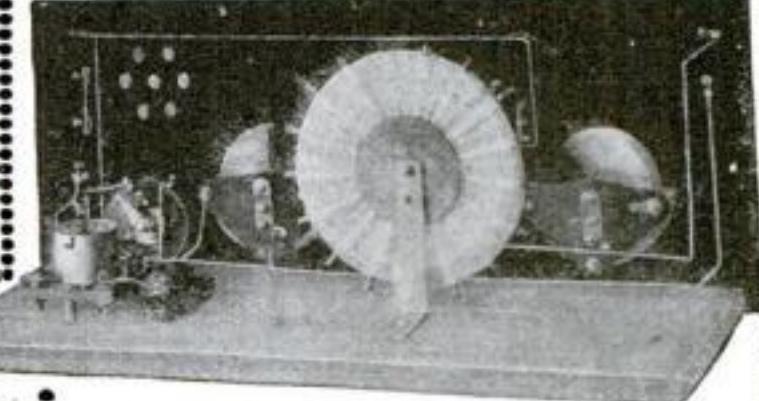
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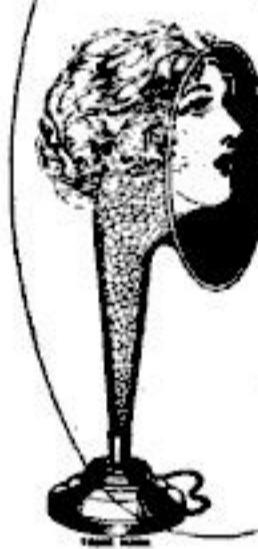
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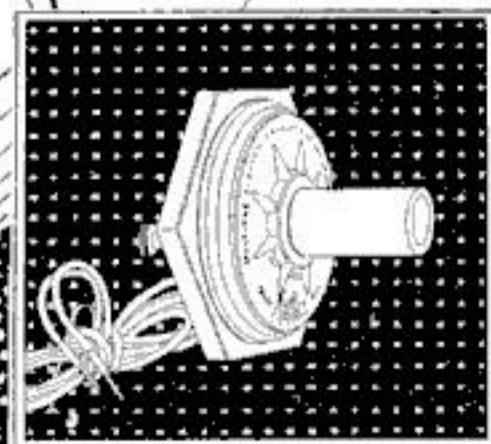
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